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Students bask in last rays of summer as fall arrives



SHANEN CRANDON

Humber Early Childhood Education students Aida Hasanovic, Christina Tedesco, Maria Bonasia, Amanda Martins and Keelia Robinson cast long shadows on the last day of summer outside the registration entrance.

Crime makes students wary of bar scene

by **chisoni clarke**
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The recent increase in gun violence in Toronto has some Humber students feeling afraid to party and enjoy life on campus.

Students are saying they won't hang out in the same spots they used to.

First-year fashion arts student Loni Mcrae said she is terrified to go to parties.

"I will not go to clubs, I am afraid of a stray bullet hitting me."

Jaclyn Garland, a second-year court and tribunal student, said she and her family have recently been victims of gun violence.

"My cousin was held up at gunpoint, and now I am more cautious when I go out."

Students who are fearful of partying on campus can be assured that Caps is doing everything it can to assure student safety.

Kenny J. Dimech, Caps' Operations Manager, said all visitors are checked at the door before they can enter the bar.

"This neighbourhood has never been the greatest, but we check all student I.D., and students have to sign in their guests."

Dimech grew up in the Jane and Weston neighbourhood and later moved to Malton. Although

he grew up in an at-risk neighbourhood, he admits being a deejay kept him from getting involved in acts of violence

"I've worked as a deejay in

nightclubs in Toronto since 1985, and being a deejay saved my life."

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Police probe triple murder in Rexdale

by **nick kyonka**
NEWS REPORTER

Three men were killed after a shooting in a Rexdale parking lot at Tandridge Crescent last Friday night.

Police responded to an emergency call at 9:18 p.m. and found the men suffering from gunshot wounds.

Joseph Colin Santos, 25, of Toronto, and Donald Rawluck, 24,

of Mississauga were pronounced dead at the scene.

The third victim, Shane Garfield James, 26, died Monday morning at Sunnybrook Hospital.

The shootings came the day after police raided several homes in an attempt to crackdown on violent crimes.

Although police believe the area

is heavily influenced by street-gangs, they are not yet sure whether the shootings were gang-related.

Homicide Det. Sgt. Terry Wark said police are still looking for answers.

"We still don't have any firm motive for the shooting," said Wark. "We're still working on it."



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Simon Wiesenthal 1908-2005: Renowned Nazi hunter died Tuesday. The 'avenging archangel' was responsible for the capture of hundreds of Hitler's henchmen.

Humber beefs up security after recent string of muggings

Security guards on bicycles to patrol along Highway 27

by nick kyonka
NEWS REPORTER

Three Humber students were mugged before classes even started this year, but security is already taking steps to ensure that such incidents do not become a regular occurrence.

The students were mugged in separate incidents while walking on the west side of Hwy. 27 between Humber College Blvd. and Rexdale Blvd. in late August and early September.

All were robbed of cash and personal possessions. No one was hurt.

"I was just relieved," said one victim, who asked not to be identified.

"Given the situation, I was just

glad that I didn't get hurt. It could have been a lot worse."

Another victim said he "pretty much let them take what they wanted" once he saw his attackers were armed with switchblades. He said the incident occurred along the sidewalk at a place where a tree blocks the view from the road.

Some parts of the sidewalk along the west side of Hwy. 27 are hard to see from a passing vehicle along the road due to the trees.

Gary Jaynes, director of Humber's public safety department, has taken steps to ensure that more would-be-muggers do not use this



Would-be muggers beware: Humber security guards on-wheels will be patrolling in an area near you

to their advantage.

"We've instituted a (security) bicycle patrol, in good weather, going up and down the sidewalks during certain hours," Jaynes said.

"We've issued a notice to students in residence that's an additional security alert. They may want to consider travelling in pairs and have their cell phones."

The bicycle patrol along Hwy. 27 will be in addition to a security van cruising the area.

The school's department of public safety has taken several initiatives to help keep students safe when travelling to and from the school, including in-creased patrols

and on-campus postings of recent crimes in the area. There will also be an information session with Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair.

Information sessions include a

barbeque at the North Campus on Oct. 12, as well as yesterday's barbeque at the Lakeshore Campus.

Toronto Police will attend each of the barbeques, but Blair will only be at the North Campus event.

The events will also feature music from Z103.5, T-shirt and other giveaways, and a raffle for some Apple iPods.

Jaynes said the security force needs help from students to keep the area safe.

"We rely on students to be a part of our campus watch team," Jaynes said.

"We encourage students to report any suspicious activity and if it's on campus they can call our emergency line."

The phone number is extension 4000 from any phone on the Humber College phone system, or 416-675-8500.

If you have any information on any crime committed on or around school property, call the Toronto Police at 416-808-2222 or Toronto Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS

Students fear Project Flicker will ignite further violence

by nick kyonka
NEWS REPORTER

In an attempt to crack down on gun violence in the city, Toronto police targeted a Rexdale-based street gang in raids last week.

Over 300 police officers executed more than 40 search warrants in and around the city on Sept. 15. Police laid 1325 charges against 34 people between the ages of 17 and 44.

Despite the magnitude of the bust, Humber College students have said the area will not be safer as a result.

The criminals "are just going to retaliate against the police," said Keisha Campbell, a 20-year-old business management student who has family living here.

"My aunt lives in Rexdale and she's afraid of going out of her house at night."

The targeted gang, known as the Ardwick Blood Crew, operated out of a series of townhouses on Ardwick Blvd., a short walk from Albion Mall. Several houses in the complex were raided.

"Most gang members have ties to a certain community in one way or another," said Sgt. Larry Dee of 23 Division.

Charges laid after last week's raid range from robbery to attempted murder and include



Det. Constable Keith Addison of the Guns and Gang Task Force show off some of the guns seized in last week's Project Flicker raids

over 100 gun-related charges.

"There's more guns being seized daily because there's still a lot going on with these guys," Dee said.

"My aunt lives in Rexdale and she's afraid of going out of her house at night"

- Keisha Campbell, Business

Management student

crime, as well as trafficking in firearms and attempted murder.

The raids were part of a plan developed eight months ago

known as Project Flicker. It included officers from Toronto Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, Peel Regional Police and York Regional Police.

Project Flicker was set up after similar projects helped dismantle two Scarborough street gangs in 2004, police stated in a Sept. 15 news release. Members of those gangs, the Malvern Crew and Galloway Boys, are currently before the courts.

"Those who show a callous disregard for the lives and safety of fellow community members must realize that we will keep up the pressure on them," said Deputy Chief Tony Warr.

Toronto Police said while there are other gangs operating in the Rexdale area, the bust will help decrease crime in the area.

The community has been plagued by a series of shootings and other violent crimes over the past year. There have been 17 homicides in Rexdale and the surrounding areas in 2005, 14 of which were shootings.

Toronto now has 58 homicides this year, 40 of which have been shootings.

McGuinty scoops up former Humber prof Ben Chin swaps pupils for politics

by sheri bolton
NEWS REPORTER

A former Humber teacher and Canadian media icon has made the jump from journalism to provincial media relating.

Ben Chin, who worked for nearly two decades as a reporter and anchor for Citytv, CTV, CBC and Toronto 1 (now Sun TV), became a senior media advisor to Premier Dalton McGuinty last month.

"It's something that I've always wanted to do," Chin said of going into the political realm. "It's not something I thought I was ever going to be asked to do."

Chin, 41, who taught TV journalism at Humber College last year, said he'll miss the classroom.

"What I miss is watching someone improve. It's quite a fascinating process watching people learn," he said. "I would love to go back to teaching at Humber, but I don't see how I'm going to do it."

Andy Grozelle, a final year Broadcast Journalism student, had Chin as a teacher last year and worked with him while on a Toronto 1 internship, where Chin was an anchor.

"I think it's a big loss for Humber," Grozelle said. "He was a great teacher. I think most (students) won't know what they're missing out on."

Grozelle said McGuinty is lucky to have Chin at Queen's Park. "There's nobody else you could have to put on a friendlier media face."

Chin has only been on his new



Chin outside his new office at Queen's Park

job for a few weeks, but said he now understands the media and public view of governments.

"Some people are very skeptical of politicians. I never was," he said.

"What I feel is really exciting is the premier. I think he's bringing accountability and responsibility to the province."

Chin dismisses speculation he is using the position as a stepping stone to elected office.

"I can tell you that there is no grooming going on. This is the job that I've been offered. It's just about as much as I can handle," he said.

Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, Ontario MPP Jennifer Mossop and Senator Jim Munson have all left journalism to pursue political careers.

Journalists "have to understand that when they do this, they may be turning their backs on journalism forever," Chin said.

Chin, who remembers 16 years of on-camera pressure, said, "I'm personally happy that I'm not the person being shoved in front of the camera and having to think on air."

The confirmed death toll from Hurricane Katrina rose to 883 this week. Polls show a mere 35% of Americans approve of the President's handling of the crisis.

Humber receives cash influx for new building

Provincial government pledges \$23 million over 10 years

by jenna rosman
SENIOR REPORTER

Additional space at the North Campus comes as a breath of fresh air to many students.

In an announcement on Sept. 2, Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Chris Bentley promised Humber College \$23 million over a 10-year period for the construction of a new 27,000 square metres building at the North Campus.

"If it means that students have a better access to facilities and a better opportunity for learning, I think it should be done," Al Martin, a second-year paralegal studies student, said.

"The classes are very full. Anything that can be done to make the opportunity an easier one for the students should be done," he said.

John Davies, vice president of administrative services at Humber, said the government rejected two previous applications by the college to improve and expand the North Campus.

"If we weren't going to get this money, we'd have to start (cutting) back our enrolments," he said.

Bruce Bridgeford, director of capital development at Humber, said the government approved the funding due to the unquestionable need for space.

"The case we made to (The Ontario Ministry of Training,

Colleges and Universities) was that Humber College had the lowest number of square metres per student in the entire Ontario (college) system and our population has been growing by leaps and bounds," Bridgeford said. "This fall, (Humber College) is down to about 19 square metres per student." Most colleges in Ontario have more than 30 square metres per student.

Dominika Dybczynsky, a second-year architectural technology student is relieved by the extra space.

"The school is always crowded

"We are just looking for more space, more flexibility, more timetables and more open access to computers."

- John Davies, Humber vice president of administrative services

during breaks between classes," she said. "It makes it very hard to get around."

The new three-storey building will house approximately 1,900 students in 48- and 65-seat classrooms and will make it easier to schedule classes. Even with the extra space, the college does not want to increase student population.

"We pretty much want to keep the amount of students that we have on campus," Davies said. "We are just looking for more space,

more flexibility, more timetables and more open access to computers (at the North Campus)."

The new building will also include informal student space and open computer areas.

All the different programs in the college will have access to the new building.

Administrative space will account for roughly 25 per cent of the space. Overcrowded faculty offices may also be moved to the new building.

HSF will also contribute a yet-to-be decided amount of money to the building.

"We're going to meet with John Davies sometime (in the near future) to decide how much money we'll put down," HSF President Joey Svec said.

The HSF hopes to expand the food bank, along with adding more meeting space and clubrooms to the new building.

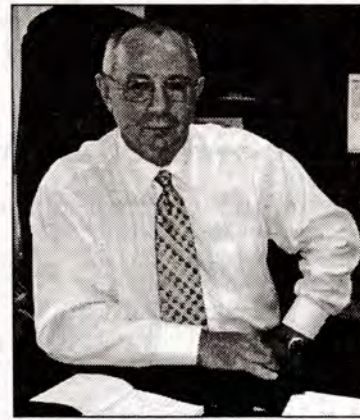
Svec said HSF is also looking into the possibility of putting a dentistry office, a pharmacy, a travel agency and a food store into the new building.

"I don't know how feasible these ideas are but we think it would make it easier for students," Svec said.

Humber has grown to 15,651 students from 12,955 in 2001.

Construction is slated to begin at the end of the year when the administrative C Building will be demolished to make way for the new 27,000 square metres building.

During the construction phase, executive and administrative staff



John Davies, vice president administrative services

that have direct contact with students on a daily basis will be placed somewhere in the North Campus. All non-student orientated administrative staff will most likely be moved to the Humber Towers beside the Kellogg building at Finch Avenue and Humber College Boulevard.

Approximately 30 parking spaces in the administrative parking lot will be lost in the building process.

The additional classroom space would also make renovating some of the older classrooms possible.

"We can't do (any construction) because it will take a classroom out of service," Bridgeford said.

"The number of classrooms and labs specific to a program is small compared to other colleges."

The Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities will dispense \$2.3 million annually for the project. Interest fees of \$5 million will be taken from the college's reserve funds.

The new building is expected to be open for the winter 2007 semester.

Staff to cast ballot on contract

Support workers expected to vote in favour of deal

by puja uppal
NEWS REPORTER

Support staff at colleges across Ontario vote today on a tentative agreement that could avert a strike by the workers who do everything from cleaning the campus washrooms to fixing the school's computers.

The proposed deal includes a three per cent staged wage increase in each of the three years of the agreement and a recognition allowance of \$400 for those who have completed 10 years of service. It was reached Sept. 1 between the 24 community colleges and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), representing more than 6,000 support workers.

They include maintenance and cleaning staff, registration and financial-aid officers, student advisers and information technology staff.

Humber president, Robert Gordon, said he thinks support staff will vote to ratify the deal.

"I don't think our support staff wanted to strike. They just wanted to put pressure," he said.

Deborah Cooper, Humber's support staff union president, is also confident.

"What I understand from a conference call that we had with other colleges is that it's about a 60-40 per cent. Sixty to accept and 40 not to accept," said Cooper, who is also a work-study co-ordinator and assistant to the dean of student services.

Cooper said she and others had hoped the 460 support workers at Humber would get more out of the deal and they are disappointed that they fell short of their original goal.

"We were told at the last bargaining meeting that if (we) don't get four per cent, we're walking out," said Cooper. "A lot of people are unhappy about the way the dealings ended." But Cooper is sure the contract will be approved by members.

Christine Legault, vice-chair of OPSEU support bargaining team, said it got the best possible deal for its members and that some workers are upset simply "because people aren't accustomed to the way bargaining happens."

The last contract expired Aug. 31. The last time the college support staff went on strike was back in 1979.

HSF prints belittling 'message' in handbook

by aaron bronesteter
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation published a discriminatory graphic and slogan in their annual Humber student handbook.

The illustration, seen on page 183 of the handbook, depicts two animated images of little people, one holding a gun and the other holding a large knife and reads "stop midget in midget crime."

During orientation, first-year students at Humber were told that their student handbook would be a resource to alert them of their responsibilities and rights as students at the college.

"Humber College is committed to providing a work and study environment free from discrimination and harassment on any of the prohibited grounds in the Human Rights Code," an advertisement in the handbook said.

Katie Lamb, 25, a second-year post-graduate journalism student, is particularly offended by the ad because she is short statured.

"I find this ad dehumanizes people with my condition. It's discouraging that our own student government is unable to recognize discriminatory material, let alone publishing it with their name

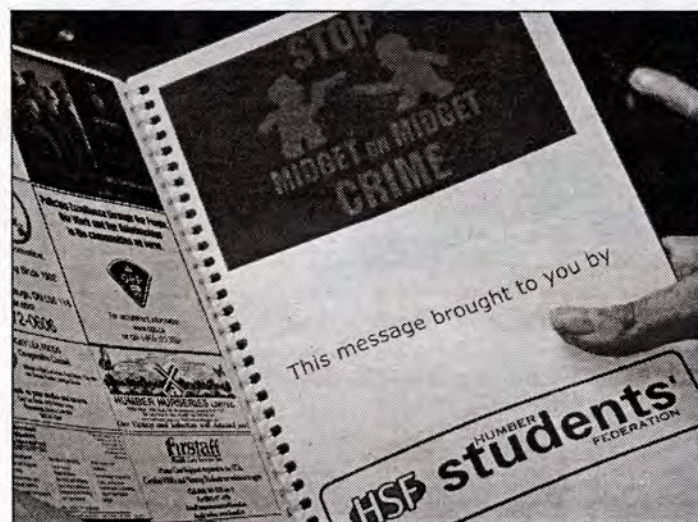
stamped on it," Lamb said.

According to HSF President Joey Svec and HSF Director of Communications Sonia Tessaro, the production of the handbook was supervised by Aaron Miller, the HSF's director of programming who held authority over the handbook and decided on the content.

Miller said the image was forwarded to him by a member of the programming team. He would not name the individual.

"When I saw it, I did not know that the word midget was something that would offend anyone," Miller said. He added that the offensive page could not be ripped out of the handbooks because there are important emergency procedures printed on the reverse side.

Most of the HSF executives were apologetic about the inclusion of the image in the student handbook.



CHRISTINE FLYNN

The HSF obtained the offensive graphic from a t-shirt located at www.medialunchbox.com

Michael Moore has now jumped into the CBC fray, accusing it of acting like American corporations. He was tipped off by a locked-out CBC blogger.

CBC on the line as lockout continues

Humber graduates wait for word on their future at national broadcaster

by rob titus
NEWS REPORTER

As the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) lockout of 5,500 employees heads into its second month, the impact is being felt by some Humber faculty and grads.

The locked-out employees, from ordinary technical staff to

journalists, are all members of the Canadian Media Guild (CMG).

Following 15 months of failed contract discussions, the majority (87 per cent) of CMG members at the CBC voted in favour of a work stoppage in July. The CBC locked out employees on Aug. 15.

Terry Auciello, a television journalism teacher at Humber, is one

of a handful of Humber journalists affected.

Auciello works at CBC's The National and insists the government's current funding is inadequate.

CBC president Robert Rabinovitch, who attended an event at McGill University Wednesday said, "the government

cut CBC by \$400 million. There's not much fat left. We've lost 40 per cent of our budget."

Unfortunately, for Sarah McCaffrey and a few other recent Humber journalism graduates, the CBC is an obstacle at the beginning of their careers.

McCaffrey, Humber grad Lara O'Brien and current Humber Et

Cetera editor Jen Goldberg were employed at the CBC as editorial assistants.

CBC management seeks increased ability to contract out a large percentage of jobs and the Guild contends this will offer substantially less job security.

McCaffrey is not surprised by this dispute.

"When I was hired, I was told I was guaranteed six weeks of full-time employment, and anything after that would depend on funding . . . It's not a good feeling, but we all try not to think about it," she said.

"The lockout has been difficult, but I'm trying to keep it in perspective. . . We're fighting for something worthwhile, so short term sacrifices are necessary."

Financially, McCaffrey is trying to make do. "Lockout pay has gone up to \$350 a week. I've had to cut out a few luxuries, but I'm surviving," she said.

As the lockout continues, members of the CMG, including Humber alumni and part-time faculty, continue to walk the line down at Toronto's CBC building on Front Street.

SPC Axed From HSF Budget

by chris halliday
NEWS REPORTER

Attention shoppers: the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) is no longer offering free Student Price Cards (SPC).

Last year Humber distributed free SPCs. Now the HSF has cut the cards out of its budget and put more money into student bursaries.

Though the cards give students store discounts, the cost was too steep for HSF directors who voted seven to six in favour of the cut.

The move will save HSF \$70,000 and it plans to put an extra \$15,000 into student bursaries this year.

"When that \$70,000 was freed up, a portion of it went into increasing the bursary amount from \$35,000 to \$50,000," said Michael Parent, HSF executive director. Another portion of the money will go to labour costs, such as hiring more part-time staff.

For those who must get an SPC card, they are for sale in the bookstore for eight bucks.



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"I do not want my film being broadcast on the network unless it is willing to let its own workers back in..." Michael Moore on Parkdale Pictures blogging site

Arboretum centre to be demolished New Centre for Urban Ecology will be built in its place

brigitte karnilavicius
NEWS REPORTER

This year Humber will demolish the Arboretum's Nature Centre to make room for the new Centre for Urban Ecology.

The centre, also known as the Eco Centre, will be an environmentally friendly structure and a place for environmental education and research.

"The existing facility is in need of repair and restoration and rather than just patching it up we decided to more reflect the mandate for the Arboretum which is environmental stewardship," said Carol Ray, special projects co-ordinator for the Humber Arboretum.

The Eco Centre, which should be completed by next fall, will be solar and wind powered and have its own heating system, with a roof top garden helping to insulate the building. These features will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and will save \$8,000 to \$10,000

in energy costs annually.

The Eco Centre will also compost its own waste as opposed to relying on the city's sewer system; this will save 240,000 litres of municipal water annually.

The Humber Arboretum and Nature Centre provide almost 30 different nature and environmental programs for elementary

Eco Centre, said she teaches everything from insects, to renewable energy to urban wildlife.

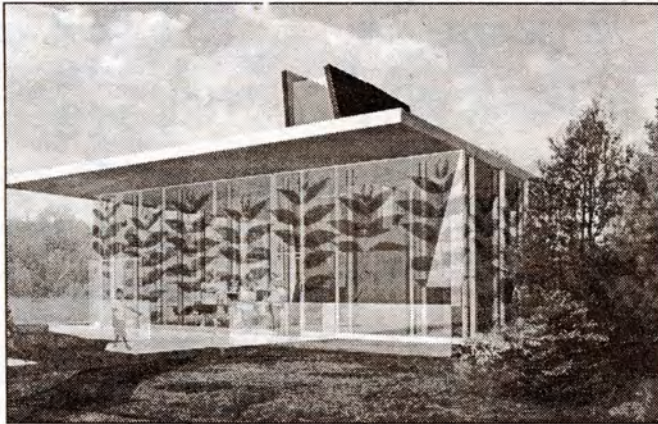
When the Eco Centre opens next fall, she'll be teaching groups about the environmentally friendly features of the centre in a program called Renewable Energy.

"At the moment we haven't had a lot of call for the Renewable Energy program, so maybe with the new building it'll become more popular," Fox said.

Humber students will also be welcome to go into the Eco Centre.

The money to fund this project was raised by donations totaling over \$1.6 million dollars.

"This year we've been given a \$20,000 grant from the Friends of the Environment Foundation to bring in local schools from the area that normally may not be able to afford to come," Fox said.



Drawing plans for the Centre for Urban Ecology

schools, camps, scouts, seniors and even Humber students in Early Childhood Education and Hospitality and Tourism.

Barb Fox, co-ordinator for the

Humber offers refuge for up to 30 Katrina victims

by jason bowser
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber is offering up to 30 places for displaced students of New Orleans and Louisiana free of charge in another move to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"I think it's really important to have made the offer to demonstrate to our American colleagues in the education sector that we care, that we're willing to help," said John Davies, Humber's vice-president.

Extra assistance includes money for travel, housing and Visa applications. In addition, Davies said Humber will match all the money raised by the HSF for the people of New Orleans.

Davies said that Humber is not alone in this plan to help displaced students.

"There's almost not a college or university in North America that hasn't made a similar offer," he said. "The biggest challenge is to get the message out. We've put our college up on websites that we know of. It will be up to students and colleges to access those websites. If there's something about Humber that appeals to someone

who's been displaced, and they contact us, we'll do absolutely all we can to get them here in a way where affordability is not an issue.

"Will anybody from New Orleans contact Humber? I have no idea. But if they do, they'll get all the assistance and all of the support that we can possibly provide," Davies promised.

International Student Advisor Dalcyce Newby said that since the Katrina disaster affected so many students from different countries who were taking classes in New Orleans, the places offered wouldn't be limited to U.S. students.

Humber is also offering to help in the rebuilding process similar to what was done after the Tsunami disaster. In Banda Aceh, Humber faculty members have been working in the rebuilding effort, and Davies said Humber may get involved in rebuilding New Orleans.

"They generally come through national agencies that have been putting money into relief and rebuilding, so it might be a Federal agency that puts out contracts that says we've got a contract to help rebuild here, or Banda Aceh or perhaps in the future in Louisiana," Davies said.

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editorial

"Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret" - Ambrose Bierce

De-funding education is defeating the future

The provincial government is about to make a decision that will either exacerbate or reverse Ontario's record of having the worst-funded college and universities in the country.

Concern is mounting that when the government unveils its new education policies this year, ending the two-year tuition freeze, middle-income students will be forgotten.

Although it is commendable the government has started injecting desperately needed funds into post-secondary schools, the benefits of this will be muted if they allow tuition to rise unabatedly.

Last year's post-secondary review called for the deregulation of tuition fees - a prospect that is unacceptable to students who have already seen their tuition doubled or even tripled over the past decade and a half. Ontario students are already paying for a greater percentage of their education than students in other provinces.

Humber has 50 deregulated programs - more than any other Ontario college. On average, tuition in these programs has almost tripled since 1990.

In addition to steep rises in tuition, Humber student fees have doubled to nearly \$650 in the past five years alone.

Students at other colleges in programs like dental hygiene have seen their tuition quadruple since 1997.

Although increased grants to low-income students are welcome, those earning over \$35,000 a year could see their tuition spiral out of control.

The College Student Alliance (CSA) is calling for the government to increase tuition at the yearly rate of inflation (about 2.5 per cent).

The CSA is also asking that colleges be given more power to increase non-tuition fees.

While it is laudable for the CSA to demand student governments be given more involvement in fee increases, giving greater leeway for colleges to hike student fees is worrisome.

In addition to steep rises in tuition, Humber student fees have doubled to nearly \$650 in the past five years alone.

Because rises in mandatory fees supporting technology, student centres and gyms do not generate as much controversy as tuition hikes, colleges have unabashedly escalated them to fund basic necessities.

Other non-mandatory fees like residence, parking, international student fees and the cost of textbooks have also risen exponentially to offset government de-funding.

What is risky about the CSA's stance is it places the onus for increased education funding on students who are already heavily indebted.

As not a single position on the HSF's board of directors was contested this year, proposed fee increases should require approval both from the HSF and directly from students through referendum questions, as is the case at many universities.

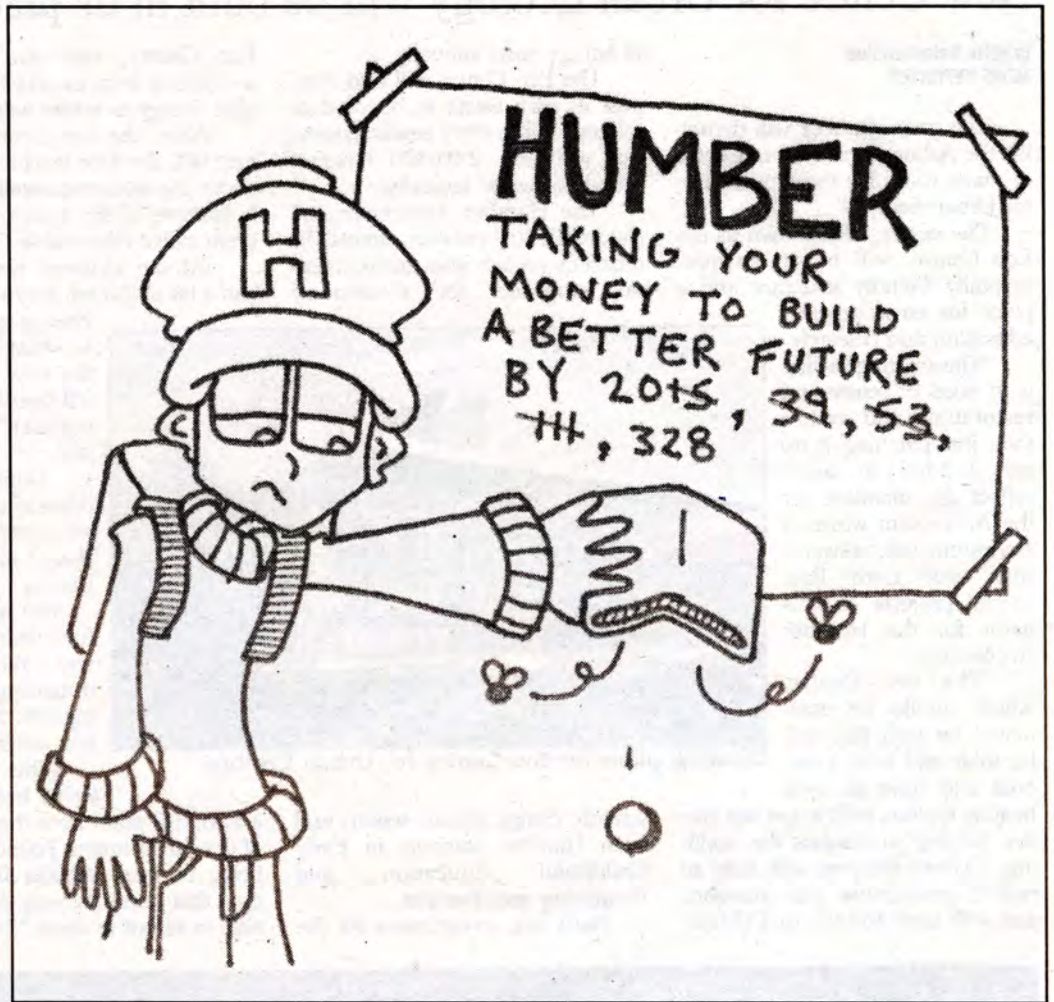
Last April, the HSF's board of directors unanimously passed a motion stating the HSF would lobby for a tuition freeze, i.e. NOT a tuition freeze plus hikes in auxiliary fees plus mandatory 2.5 per cent tuition increases which seems to be what the CSA advocates.

It is time for the HSF to honour this pledge and to keep students better informed on these issues.

Student groups should not fatalistically accept that tuition will rise without a fight.

It is commendable to applaud the government for including students in decisions that affect our schools. However, we also need to start presenting a more united student voice to inform the government that when we fail to adequately fund our students, it is a failure to invest in the future.

Our society's failure to invest in education has resulted in unprecedented student debts that are increasingly making education inaccessible to all but the wealthiest students.



cartoon by andy grozelle

Dear Readers



Ashley House
Op/Ed Editor

The world today is full of change. Current events are among the most significant we have seen in our generation.

They have touched and plagued us all, sparking some fearsome debates throughout the world and within the college community.

It is these debates that we hope to focus on and bring clarity to in the Opinion pages of the Humber Et Cetera.

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"If you've got a big mouth and are controversial, you're going to get attention" - Simon Cowell

HSF short on smarts, big on insults

Katie Lamb



The Humber Students' Federation prides itself on the fact that it exists to represent and protect all students. However, if we flip to page 183 of our student handbook we find a totally different message. I was mortified when a teacher showed me the graphic of two small-stature silhouettes wielding knives and guns followed by the caption "Stop Midget on Midget Crime." Underneath we learn "This message brought to you by Humber Student Federation." What exactly is the message?

It's a real work of art. An ad pirated from an Internet site signed with love from our HSF.

I am 25 years old and four feet tall.

I was immediately offended, in part because the ad is attempting to single out a group of people that I

represent and make them the centre of a joke, but I was more offended that the HSF thought college students would be so stupid as to find the message funny, light-hearted and appropriate for a college publication. I was still not getting the message.

Hoping to be enlightened, I went to question our HSF president Joey Svec to find out not only how but also why this gem came to grace the pages of our handbook. While he politely apologized if it offended anyone, he said he had no idea that the ad was in the handbook before it went to print. In fact, he didn't even see the handbook until it came back from the printers. Odd.

But he did refer me to Aaron Miller, our HSF Programming Director and a full time staff member of the HSF whose project is the handbook.

Miller was aware of the ad because he supervised the creation of it. I asked him to articulate the message for me. He couldn't. Instead he told me how the ad came about. A friend of his sent him the graphic. Finding themselves with four pages to spare in the handbook, Miller and his team couldn't think of

anything cleverer to do with the pages than three pages of notes and one dedicated to the piece de resistance on

people with a short-stature condition is just as offensive as making a joke about racial and religious groups or blonde jokes and have no place in material published by HSF.

I am still unsure of what is implied by the message "Stop midget on midget crime," and no one bothered to explain it to me. I can only assume that the HSF vis-à-vis page 183 is totally lacking in class and thought the student body was too. Distasteful and derogatory humor has no place coming from the HSF.

Replacing the word midget with any other group of people would make the ad just as inappropriate. No one should feel as if their own student government is making fun of them.

For an organization that tries so hard to be on students' side, page 183 says that they aren't trying hard enough.

In a way, I may have been the butt of the HSF's joke, however, the HSF is the real ass.

No one should feel as if their own student government is making fun of them.

page 183.

While he takes full responsibility for the ad, he says he had no clue that not only the language, but also the concept would be found offensive by anyone in the Humber community.

He and the team are blind to the fact that making a joke about

Blame game

Brian Bento



"George Bush doesn't care about black people."

Maybe you saw it live on the NBC telecast, or watched one of the many clips floating on the net.

American rapper Kanye West added this own opinion to the many other criticisms of the mishandling of the relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina.

On Sunday, former U.S. president Bill Clinton criticized Bush's handling of the evacuation of New Orleans on TV's This Week.

"You can't have an emergency plan that works if it only affects the middle class people," he told the New York Times this week, referring to the lack of transportation provided to the poorer residents of New Orleans, the hardest hit victims of the hurricane.

West's comments bear a bit of truth. Seventy per cent of New Orleans residents are black with an average income of \$11,000 U.S. - the poor Clinton was referring to - compared to the white resident average of \$31,000 U.S.

Police blamed the slow rescue efforts on survivors shooting at approaching officers.

New Orleans government officials blamed each other.

Some people blamed the Director of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Michael Brown and got their wish when he resigned his position.

Brown had over-exaggerated his resume stating that he was "assistant city manager with emergency services oversight" while really having no real emergency experience that would qualify him to run FEMA.

Who's to blame? No one can decide. I look at the top of the chain of command. Incompetent men put other incompetent men in charge hoping that no one would notice.

People are noticing.

Mississauga misses the bus in rapid transit



Dan Lui

it would be highly expensive and unnecessary.

The project costs \$180 million, \$80 million from York Region and \$50 million each from Queen's Park and Ottawa.

And it's not hard to see why it cost that much. The list of features and gadgets on a Viva bus could be found in a tricked out Cadillac Escalade - accessible work tables, on-board computers with GPS navigation that let the passengers know where each bus is, flat screen televisions displaying news and weather, and eventually Internet access.

It seems that York Region is imitating some of the more luxurious European transit systems. Even the buses are Belgian-made and cost \$30,000 more than buses used in Mississauga and Brampton.

To put this into perspective, consider other transit systems that are under-funded and as a result, pro-

duce late and uncomfortable service like Mississauga transit.

Mississauga transit buses have no TVs. Many have no cushioning for the seats and no air-conditioning. This could add a lot of unnecessary stress to commuters.

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion has expressed her dissatisfaction by saying the government funding was based on favouritism.

Her comments are not completely unfounded. A York Region spokesman confirmed allegations that a lobbyist was paid over \$80,000 to convince Ottawa and Queen's Park to vote in York's favour.

Mayor McCallion argued that there is a greater priority to produce rapid transit systems in Peel and south Halton as they serve over 12 million more passengers a year than York region.

Mississauga was one of the cities vying for the \$100 million

grand prize funding, but Mayor McCallion concluded that the funding went to York Region as a result of the lobbyist.

A Toronto Star editorial reported that Mississauga and Brampton are also exploring rapid transit systems, but are behind in the progress that York Region has made.

But Mayor McCallion said production studies have already been completed and government funding is the missing piece of the puzzle.

Initial reactions have been positive, and the executives at Viva are hoping to rid the roads of 7,000 cars. They hope demand will be strong enough in 15 years so that a light rail system can be built.

With more promises of comfort, speed and efficiency for York riders, Mississauga will be cheated again and left with archaic buses congested with even more riders.

Thoughts on Hurricane Katrina



"Bush's administration should have been quicker in responding to the disaster. He had the most power to do something about it."

-John Panignel
2nd year Recreation and Leisure



"Other than gas prices it hasn't really affected me."

-Bryan Greenough
2nd year Court and Tribunal Agent



"Even though it didn't happen in Canada, we should all pull together to help our fellow man."

-Sherenne Allen
President of Humber's Carribean Culture Society



"It's hard for students to feel the effect of a tragedy like this. That's why HSF is promoting awareness to get students to donate as much as they can. I'm glad to help."

-Katherine Chin
3rd year Media Studies
Guelph-Humber



"It changed my perspective on an international level. I didn't know them but I saw what they lost. So I donated to the HSF relief fund."

-Lindsay Litzenberger
3rd year Media Studies
Guelph-Humber

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A new U.S. study has found that psychopaths make the best financial investors in the stock market.

Big business lends a hand

Corporations stepping in to help victims of Katrina

by sunil angrish
BUSINESS REPORTER

As Hurricane Katrina ravaged the southern U.S., many Canadian corporations were already making plans to help in the relief effort.

"We kept seeing all this horrible devastation," said Meagen Lewandowski, corporate communications officer of Tim Horton's. "We decided we wanted to get involved."

With calls being received from staff, owners and corporate executives, Tim Horton's decided they needed to step in and help.

The coffee giant donated \$500,000 to the Canadian Red Cross on behalf of store owners and staff. Tim Horton's also initiated a coin box program at all stores in Canada and the U.S., with proceeds going to disaster relief agencies.

Tim Horton's initiated a similar donation program when the tsunami devastated Southeast Asia last December. Those coin boxes raised nearly \$1.3 million in just three weeks.

"We hope we can raise that much again," Lewandowski said.

This kind of contribution to disaster relief is now expected from

large corporations.

"Companies regard it as good business practice," said Leonard Brooks, a professor at University of Toronto's School of Management. "Many companies think about it in advance," he said. "They have to co-ordinate with groups and make contacts."

After Katrina hit, Air Canada

porate communications.

Magna International has already begun planning a long-term solution for Katrina's many homeless victims.

"Frank purchased a substantial plot of land in Louisiana, where housing will be set up," Donovan said. He estimated Magna's total contribution will be at least \$5 million.

Magna's efforts to help the victims of Katrina have garnered their fair share of media coverage. This positive exposure does benefit the company from a business standpoint,

"If you're on a boat, and you see someone fall off, you're going to do something to help"

- Toby Heaps, publisher, *Corporate Knights*

immediately offered support in helping citizens evacuate from New Orleans. An Airbus A321 made three flights from New Orleans to San Antonio, evacuating 500 people from the disaster area.

"Many were ill, hungry, or in wheelchairs," said Laura Cook, spokesperson for Air Canada of the evacuees on their flights."

Frank Stronach, chairman and founder of Magna International, watched the events unfold in the southern U.S. on television and wanted to help.

"He called us and said, 'Get those people out,'" said Don Donovan, Magna's director of cor-

Brooks said.

"Investors are interested in companies with a favourable reputation, employees like to work for companies that are responsible, and customers like respectable companies," he said.

With public confidence in corporations at a low point, events like the Katrina disaster give businesses a chance to "step up to the plate," said Toby Heaps, co-founder and publisher of *Corporate Knights*, a magazine examining corporate social responsibility.

"If you're on a boat, and you see someone fall off, you're going to do something to help."

eBay sellers profit from Terry Fox charity

by crae kohne
BUSINESS REPORTER

Several people have twisted a promotion intended to raise money for cancer research into a personal moneymaking venture.

The Terry Fox Foundation recently began selling limited edition Terry Fox replica running shoes as a means to raise money for cancer research. However, several people who purchased the shoes are now selling them on eBay for a healthy profit.

Kirk Cheney, one of the sellers on eBay, had his listing removed three times when he said he tried to resell the shoes to raise money for the foundation. Cheney sold four pairs of the shoes on the website.

Cheney said he intended to donate all the money he raised from the sales to the Terry Fox Foundation.

"I was planning on giving away the money from the get-go," Cheney said. "I'm an idealist, I thought I could make thousands (for charity). I didn't realize that so many people would be putting them up. I honestly thought everyone who bought them would keep them (for themselves)."

The re-selling of the replica shoes for personal profit disturbed Clare Adams, the provincial director of the Terry Fox Foundation in

British Columbia.

"We were disappointed. That is not in the spirit that this was intended at all," she said of the campaign to raise money for cancer research.

Adams said her organization contacted eBay to have the shoes removed but their efforts were



Courtesy
Terry Fox's original shoe (left) with the 25th anniversary runner

unsuccessful. eBay's policy states it can only remove listings that claim to be giving proceeds from the sale of the shoes to charity.

When asked about eBay sellers giving the money to charity Adams said, "That is in the spirit of the charity. It is difficult to verify, but yes, we would have allowed it."

Some of the shoes were selling on eBay for more than \$170. The shoes were originally being sold for \$100. Unless written consent is given from the charity there is no way for eBay to prove the profits from the shoe sales will indeed be donated to the cause.

Cheney said he tried to get permission from the Terry Fox Foundation to sell the shoes on their behalf but got no response.

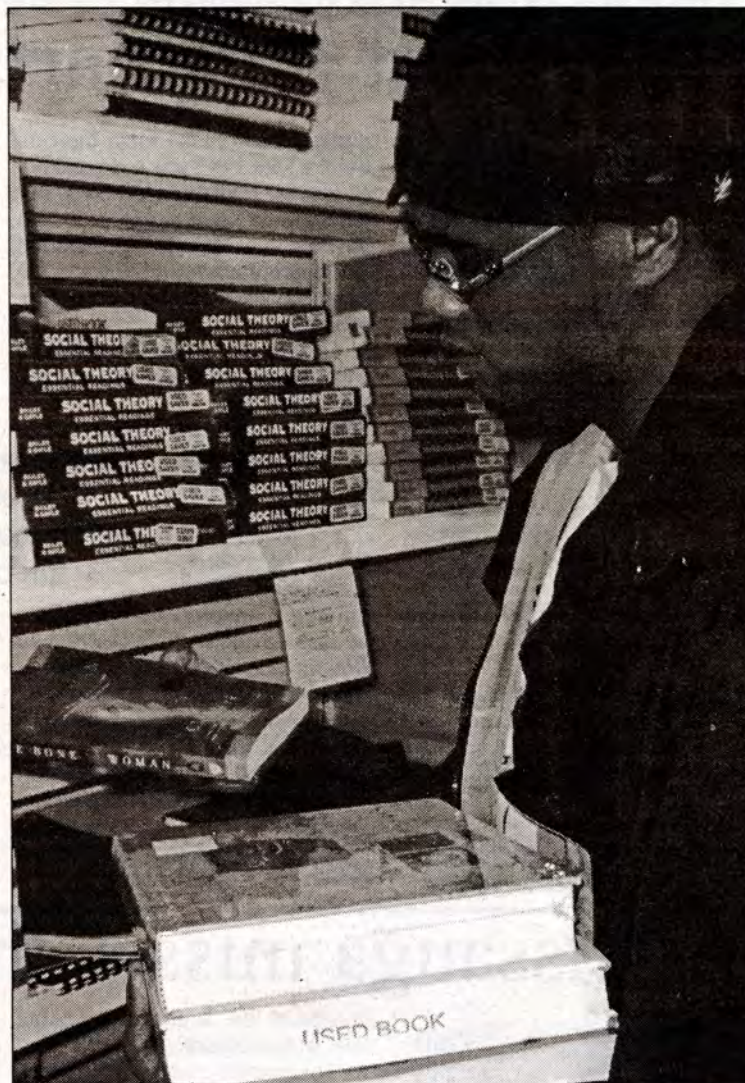
"(The Foundation) should be embarrassed," he said. "I called the director for Ontario and left a message. She never got back to me. I explained my intentions with the shoes and thought she would be excited about it."

Kim Smith, an employee at the Ontario branch of the foundation, said the reason Cheney didn't hear back from them is because they are unable to respond to everyone at this time of year.

"The problem is we have a high volume of calls. I probably have over 150 messages (on my phone) right now."

For his part, Cheney said he will be donating the more than \$180 profit he made from the sale of the shoes on eBay.

"I will be sending the money (to the Terry Fox Foundation) in the name of the people who bought the shoes from me," he said. "They will get a tax receipt so that there is some proof."



Michelle Chang

Tourism and travel student, Anthony Ayela, 19, searches for deals

Textbooks for less

Website helps students buy and sell used books

by michelle chang
BUSINESS REPORTER

After tuition takes a chunk out of your savings, a course-load of mandatory textbooks can be a student's worst financial nightmare.

But three university students have come to the rescue with their innovative online textbook network. Booksforschool.ca is a free eBay-like textbook site that lets students across Canada buy and sell textbooks without having to go through a campus bookstore.

Booksforschool.ca CEO Mike Levine, a student at Ryerson University, said he and his partners started the site because they found selling used textbooks back to the campus bookstore wasn't worth the effort.

"Typically, stores would offer us about 15 to 20 per cent of the books' original value," Levine said. "It made more sense to keep the books on our shelves."

Humber students tend to agree. "I don't even bother to sell back my books to the bookshop," Vince Garcia, a first-year mechanical engineering student, said. "I've spent at least \$350 and I know I won't get back that much."

Booksforschool.ca links students on the hunt for certain titles with sellers across Canada. Dealing directly with a buyer allows students to negotiate on textbook prices.

"A student can expect to receive approximately a 60 to 80 per cent return for their used books through the web site," Levine said.

This formula makes sense to the thousands of students who are already members of the site. Hundreds of students are joining daily, while others are able to browse the site for titles from 150 schools across the country.

This commission-free site also offers new textbooks at a discounted price. That's a service the Humber bookstore can't provide because of a contract with the college.

"Textbooks require a larger investment to write, involve greater peer review, call for more comprehensive editions and cost more to produce," campus bookstore manager Debby Martin said. "Textbooks are usually produced in smaller print runs; therefore their edition life is increasingly limited."

But when money is tight, penny-pinching Humber students are on the hunt for a deal.

"I spent \$470 on books this year," Patrick Chu, a second-year business management student said. "If I knew there was a website that would save me money, I would definitely use it."

Biz word of the week: in-ves'tor n. a person who puts money into shares, property or business with the expectation of making a profit.

New Viva bus for York commuters

by adam trinh
BUSINESS REPORTER

The development of a Viva bus route near Humber North Campus is not going to convince hotel and restaurant management student Carole Chan to commute from Markham on public transit.

York Region's new bus system plans to extend a route to Martin Grove Drive in 2006. That's two blocks away from Humber

But Chan is still reluctant to leave her car at home. "I just don't want to take the bus to school every day," she said "I'd just rather drive."

Viva bus system made its debut earlier this month as part of an answer to the region's traffic problem, said municipality of York communication director Patrick Casey. "Trying to get from Point A to Point B has always been trouble here," he said.

Each year, York Region's population increases by 45,000 people. Viva aims to get 7,000 cars off the road each day. "There is not any one solution to that," said Casey. "But road improvements and smart commuting, can help reduce (traffic)."

At \$2.25 per ride, using the Viva system within York is less than a ride on the TTC (there is an extra charge of \$1 for riding north of King Rd.) But currently, only eight per cent of York Region commuters are currently using the Viva system. But the York Regional Transit

expects to deal with some difficulty in getting drivers to leave their cars at home, said YRT representative Dan Miles. "I can tell you we will continue to try to get people on board."

Though Viva does not offer a student discount, progress is underway for students, he said. "Getting students to use Viva is our priority since they are the majority of the riders."



Viva drivers wait for York commuters to get on board the big, blue bus

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HSF fights crime

by danielle taylor
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Following a deadly summer in Toronto, students should take care and become more aware of how to keep themselves safe.

Cynthia Malagerio, Humber Students Federation vice president of campus life, said HSF is doing just that during Aggression Week from Nov. 28-30.

"(We) need to have it spun as something more than pointing down at people. And having Crime Stoppers come in and just talk isn't necessarily going to affect the students that it needs to. We're all young and we need to have things presented to us in a creative and fun way, so that we are open to listening to new ideas," Malagerio said.

HSF wants Humber students to have fun while learning along the way. The list of activities for students is still in the works for the events that will be held in the Student Centre.

"I think that rather than having someone older come down to talk us, Aggression Week is an opportunity to get attention from people who want to have fun. And while they're there, teaching them a little something," Malagerio said.

"All of Toronto is having huge crime problems and if we can address the little issues we're having on our campus, hopefully that will spread out beyond just us," she said.

METRAC is the Metropolitan Action Committee On Violence Against Women and Children, a Toronto-based organization aimed at reducing violence by increasing community involvement and awareness.

Focused on the safety of Toronto's youth, METRAC is planning a Youth Safe Night 2005, in an effort to promote safety through awareness.

"Instead of looking to someone else to create safety, we provide opportunities for people to talk about their own safety ideas," said Andrea Gunraj, the outreach manager at METRAC. "Then be able to communicate that to people who have that decision making power like the government and police."

Youth Safe Night 2005 is an event aimed at making Toronto's communities safer by evaluating communities.

"We're going to get groups together to do a walk about through their communities," Gunraj said.

The walk will be held on Oct. 20 and is open to youth between the ages of 13 and 21 who are interested in doing an evaluation of their local community.

The process begins with a training period, where youth learn how to use METRAC's Youth Safe Kit.

The kit includes a checklist that youth check off as they scan their communities, looking for things they feel may be unsafe and should be changed.

"Aggression Week is an opportunity to get attention from people who want to have fun."

- Cynthia Malagerio, HSF Vice President



Leigh Blenkhorn

Security urges students to park in well-lit areas when staying late at school. Report suspicious activity to Humber security.



Fariche Alleyne

Toronto Police are making the effort to make students feel safe by patrolling college grounds.

More police around Humber

by leigh blenkhorn
IN FOCUS REPORTER

After a summer full of murder, the Toronto Police Service is doing its best to connect with communities to reduce the number of violent crimes.

The violence has sparked a media frenzy, and called into question the safety of Toronto streets.

According to Toronto Police the overall crime rate in the city is down, as is the case in almost all major cities in North America. This, however, doesn't mean there are less violent crimes, just less crime in general.

"In the specific area that Humber College is a part of, there has been a significant reduction in violent crime," said Const. Bill Lipsey of 23 Division. "There have been a lower number of calls for service. That doesn't mean there isn't a lot of violence. It might mean that it's just not out in the open."

Crime Prevention Officer Const. Robin Harvey agreed.

"The crime is down, but because of the increase in media awareness and the perception of inexplicable ones it doesn't seem that way," she said. "It's the crimes we can't explain that worry us, and we would really like to be on top of them."

Four officers from 23 Division are currently assigned to Humber College. Lipsey is one of them.

"Basically, there are certain officers assigned to the college. We are also part of the Community Response Unit the CRU (crew)," he explained. "The CRU looks after

the schools. We try to get an officer at Humber daily to do a walk around and keep in contact with the people."

Talking to people and being a part of the community is a big part of a CRU member's responsibility. It is their hope that better communications with Torontonians and a greater presence within neighbourhoods will help reduce crime rates.

Recently the Toronto Police

"There are many programs in place such as Caps."

- Robin Harvey, Crime Prevention Officer Const.

Service, in an effort to help officers have greater contact with citizens, has decided that all officers will wear name tags, which is currently the policy in other cities, such as Vancouver.

Lipsey personally doesn't think name tags will help with an officer's interaction in the community.

"Personally I have no idea why it is a necessary step. Just because someone has a name on their shirt doesn't make anything better," he said. "There has to be interaction. The key is people being able to talk to you. A name on my shirt isn't going to get people to talk to us more."

Last week the Toronto Police Service, in partnership with the Humber Department of Public Safety, provided drivers with information cards. These cards contain

helpful tips to prevent vehicles from being targeted by thieves, as well as provide useful emergency phone numbers.

"We are trying to educate people about being cautious with their property," Harvey said. "We want people to be diligent. Security works with us. We are also educating students how to voice suspicious incidents."

The police recently launched a Safe Schools, Safe Streets campaign in Toronto schools. Although the program targets students up to Grade 12, there are numerous ongoing campaigns to help police get more connected with Humber and all schools in the GTA.

"There are many programs in place such as Caps, which is an initiative that has officers paying attention to areas with high crime and overloading the area with extra patrols," Harvey said. "Humber College is near an area where officers can be seen more."

Although crime rates are down in the area, Humber students should still take precautions.

"The best thing for students is to be diligent and aware of their surroundings," Harvey said. "If they feel something is wrong they should call the police. If you don't look like a victim or act like a victim you should be fine."

Lipsey said it's important that students do not try to be heroes, and that they simply notify proper authorities.

"Don't jump in and get involved. The key thing is that you decrease your chances that you will be involved in something," Lipsey said.

Security tips to staying safe at Humber

by jessica miller
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Some safety tips include:

- * Travel in large groups at night and never alone.
- * Report any suspicious or unusual people lurking around to police.

- * Stay in well-lit areas and visible.
- * Don't take shortcuts through dark or wooded areas.
- * Trust your instincts and get away from any situations that make you uneasy.
- * Appear confident to not look like an easy victim.

- * Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times.
- * Remove all valuables from car, including change.
- * Have keys ready when walking to vehicle or home.
- * Let other people know where you are and when you expect to reach your destination.

More tips are available in Humber's Department of Public Safety and the Toronto Police website at www.torontopolice.on.ca.

Students with further questions can contact Gary Jeynes at 416-675-6622, ext. 4417, or Toronto Police 23 Division at 416-808-2300.



Fariche Alleyne

15 emergency phones are found at Humber North.

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Students fear gun violence

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The provincial government has provided \$500,000 to the city to create the Jobs for Youth program. According to The City of Toronto website the program creates summer jobs for young people in priority communities such as Malvern in Scarborough, Jane and Finch in North York and Jamestown in Etobicoke.

Zak Saleh, a first-year business administration student, said the province is doing a good job at dealing with the issue of gun violence.

"I believe the government is doing the best they can. These people in these neighbourhoods need sports or some activity to

keep them occupied." The province has also provided more police strength in various neighbourhoods.

But some students still don't feel more police on the streets is enough to guarantee their safety.

Ahmed Moussa, a first-year post-production student who immigrated from Africa to Canada five years ago, said it's the police that he doesn't trust.

"I don't know if the police are the bad guys or the guys carrying the gun."

He also stated that more police in the neighbourhoods instill more fear into the hearts of the people.

"I won't go to Driftwood anymore, because police cruisers pass by every minute, making me feel nervous."

A town hall meeting was held on Sunday at Citytv to stop the vio-

lence. Many people showed up to voice their opinions, including the mother of five-year-old Shaquan Codougan, who was shot in August while sitting outside his Driftwood home.

According to the Toronto Police, Toronto has already had 59 homicides this year, and 41 involving guns.

First-year nursing student Klaudia Chacko said the govern-

ment is not doing enough to stop the bloodshed.

"I am outraged. The government keeps saying they are helping, but I don't see any changes."

Ashley Doran, also a nursing student, said the gun violence disturbs her.

"It bothers me, and I know the government is doing something but they need to do more."



Jennifer Marshall
Peter Niokas, Caps employee, checks all student and visitor I.D.s before they can enter.



Carmela Gentile

Cuvins Bongao is not concerned about his safety in Rez.

Residents feel safe

by carmela gentile
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students living in residence at Humber College do not feel their safety is at risk, despite the recent increase of crime in the Rexdale area.

"A lot of people here are friendly," said Cuvins Bongao, a first-year justice studies student living in Rez. "Everybody's cool. I'm not afraid to go out at night because there are always people around."

The Rez buildings take many precautions to ensure student safety.

Students are required to show identification when entering the building.

If a student wishes to sign in a guest, the guest must present photo identification and be accompanied by the student at all times.

Security patrols the areas surrounding Rez at regular intervals throughout the day.

Jeb Dexter, a 19-year-old electronics engineering technology student, admitted he heard horror stories about Humber before he arrived, but has not experienced anything to cause alarm.

"Before I got here my principal, teachers and parents all warned me about the area, I haven't seen

any of that," said Dexter, who is from a small town north of Lindsay.

A somewhat unused service at both Humber campuses is the Campus Walk Program, which was created to provide a member of security to students, employees and visitors who wish to be accompanied to their vehicle or bus stop.

Nancy Deason, manager of public safety, said, "an average of three people uses the program each night. Most of them are female."

To promote and inform students of the program, newly designed brochures are being distributed at night by security.

"I would only consider using the service if I saw people with guns or something," Bongao said.

Night school students use the service most often but Deason hopes that once winter arrives, more students will show interest in being escorted because the evenings grow dark earlier.

One key reason to use the Campus Walk Program is because your "buddy" will wait until you are safely secure in your vehicle.

For students who drive to school and do not use the Campus Walk Program, Deason suggests they park under a light.

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Oprah has set up an online registry to help Katrina victims. The registry ranges from towels to entire homes. She is also giving \$10 million for relief efforts.

Toronto lit up by star power at TIFF

by mark khouzam
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

The 30th edition of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) has played out its last scene.

As the TIFF left this past weekend it took along all the buzz, glamour, glitz, gossip and films that come with it.

But who said it hurts to take a look back?

The TIFF has grown over the years making it one of the most influential festivals in the world. Ask anyone in the film industry – the TIFF can “make” or “break” a film come Oscar time.

With that said, it wasn't surprising to see 3,000 films try for a spot on the TIFF's program list. What may have been surprising was that 733 Canadian films tried for a spot. But of course, this is the Toronto INTERNATIONAL Film Festival – only 87 Canadian films could be accepted, the others came in from 52 different countries.

In total the TIFF showed 335 films this year – the most in its history. Of those 256 were feature films and 67 were directorial debuts. That's a lot of movies.

So, which movies are worth the steep theatre prices to go to see them?

Off-the-bat, *Capote* starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman seemed to generate the most buzz around the festival. Talk of the movie and the performance from Hoffman included possible Oscar nominations for both.

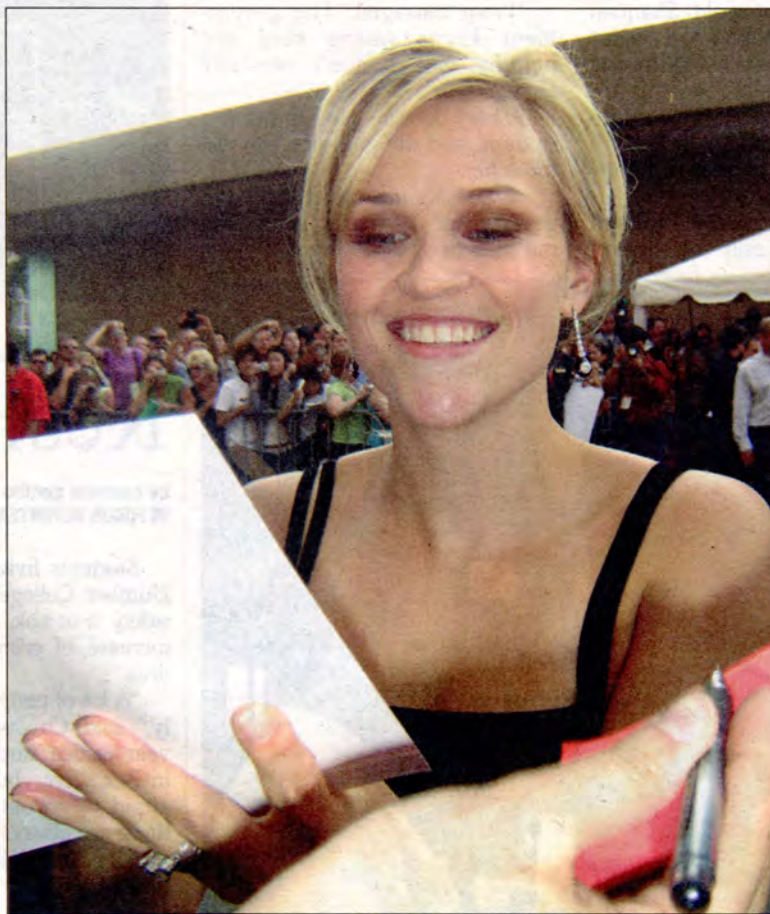
Brokeback Mountain also generated a lot of talk. This film, starring Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal, portrayed a theme, which – in all honesty – no one really thought of...I'll leave it at that. Look for this movie to be a serious Oscar contender as well.

David Cronenberg's *A History of Violence* is being called a favourite while Viggo Mortensen's performance is being touted as spectacular.

Deepa Mehta's *Water* – the third installment of Mehta's Element Trilogy – also created a lot of buzz around the festival. But knowing the Academy's tendencies, the talk about *Water* should drain out sooner or later.

Finally, *Proof* starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins will also be around come Oscar time. Word is this performance could be Paltrow's best yet.

Hopkins on the other hand is happy with his performance in *Proof* but by his own admission, his role in *The World's Fastest Indian* could be his career topper.



All TIFF photos by Christine Flynn

Reese Witherspoon signs autographs while in Toronto for the screening of her new movie *Walk the Line*, a biopic about Johnny Cash. Witherspoon plays June Carter, Cash's love interest. Cash is being portrayed by Joaquin Phoenix.

Other notable films include *North Country*, *Where the Truth Lies* and *The Notorious Bettie Page*.

Stinker? Well who's to judge? But the biggest disappointment by far was *Little Fish*. This movie, starred an A-list of Australian actors (Cate Blanchett, Hugo Weaving, Martin Henderson), but on-screen lacked chemistry and suffered a played-out storyline.

That does it for the films. So what about the celebrities? The glitz, the glamour, the gossip?

Some of Hollywood's biggest actors and actresses flew into town.

Among them: Aaron Eckhart, Matthew MacFadyen, Kurt Russell, Liam Neeson, Kate Hudson, Eva Longoria, Hope Davis, Keanu Reeves, Elijah Wood, Ray Liotta, Charlize Theron, Woody Harrelson, Heath Ledger, Cameron Diaz, Pierce Brosnan, Kevin Bacon, Elle MacPherson, Madonna and the list goes on.

This year's festival was about the smaller intimate parties. But, in the true Hollywood fashion most of the parties – meaning 99 per cent – were invite only. Of those 99 per cent, 50 per cent were single ticket invites. Who said Hollywood was picky?

Of course there were the regular hot spots like the Lobby, the Windsor Arms, Flow and Sassafras – which, to my surprise, drew one of the biggest crowds when former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien showed up.

Chanel had its regular blow-out soiree while Sony managed a more moderate party.

All the parties drew out celebrities for a few hours at least. But, what was most entertaining was the “schmoozing.”

What may be humbling about all the “schmoozing” is that everyone knows they're doing it. It's an “I scratch your back, you scratch mine, then rip each other apart” mentality that many are willing to accept.

Not all schmoozing was negative. Kate Hudson found time during the TIFF to put charities in the spotlight. Her “ONEXONE” (One by One) campaign helped raise money for the Lou Adler Foundation as well as the DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa) global mission. A very good cause but of course everything great comes with a price. This one was reported to be at \$2,500 a plate.

Whatever your fancy – films, glitz, glamour, gossip – the TIFF didn't fail to impress, well except for maybe one thing.

This year's festival is estimated to bring in over 67 million in revenue for the local economy. Which is great for the economy but what about the proposed Festival Centre that is slated to house the majority of the 2008 TIFF. It's still short around \$100 million of the \$196 million price tag. That doesn't count that both the federal and provincial governments have already put their money into the pot.

That should be interesting – but still three years away. 'Til then may all the festivals be brighter!

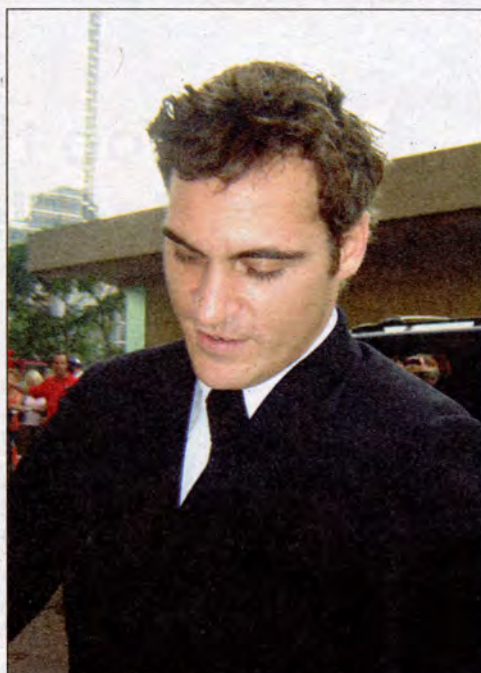
Hollywood 'it' men hit red carpet



The Matador's Pierce Brosnan



Sean Bean signs autographs for fans.



Joaquin Phoenix from *Walk the Line*

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Student's movie viewed before every film at festival

Motorola MotoReel contest discourages movie pirating

by ethan rotberg
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Some of the biggest names in the movie industry were in town for the Toronto International Film Festival, and before the start of every movie they saw the name Stephen Mavilla.

Not a bad start for an up-and-coming filmmaker. In June, Motorola and the TIFF presented Canadian film students with the following challenge – create a 30-second film about video piracy and movie etiquette. The prize was to have their film shown before every movie screened at this year's festival.

Mavilla, 24, a recent graduate of Humber's Film and TV Production program, won the contest with his comedy entry *Ushering: Basic Training*. He was then given the opportunity to showcase his talent.

Mavilla explained that he originally debated whether or not to even do the film.

"I never thought I was going to win," Mavilla said. "We really liked the commercial and thought it was funny, but when you think of TIFF, you don't usually think of comedy. I wanted to get the message across and I wanted to make something funny without mocking the subject."

Donna O'Brien-Sokic, the film and TV Production program co-ordinator, was able to see Mavilla's film on the big screen.

"It was fabulous," she said. "Stephen is one of

those exceptional students. He's a very good writer and his talent has been recognized early in his career. Only positive things can come from this for him."

For Mavilla, it was actually the second time the TIFF had recognized one of his films.

Just six weeks before, TIFF sponsored a film competition between schools and chose Mavilla's project *Holy Cannoli* to represent Humber.

Currently, Mavilla is working in editing and post-production. He said while he is most comfortable in that environment, he still likes writing and directing.

His biggest passion seems to be in comedy though. He said he loves it, but doesn't claim to be funny.

"I just want to be part of comedy. I'm influenced by the people who take comedy ridiculously seriously."

While he pointed out this honour won't be life changing, he knows it will be great for his career.

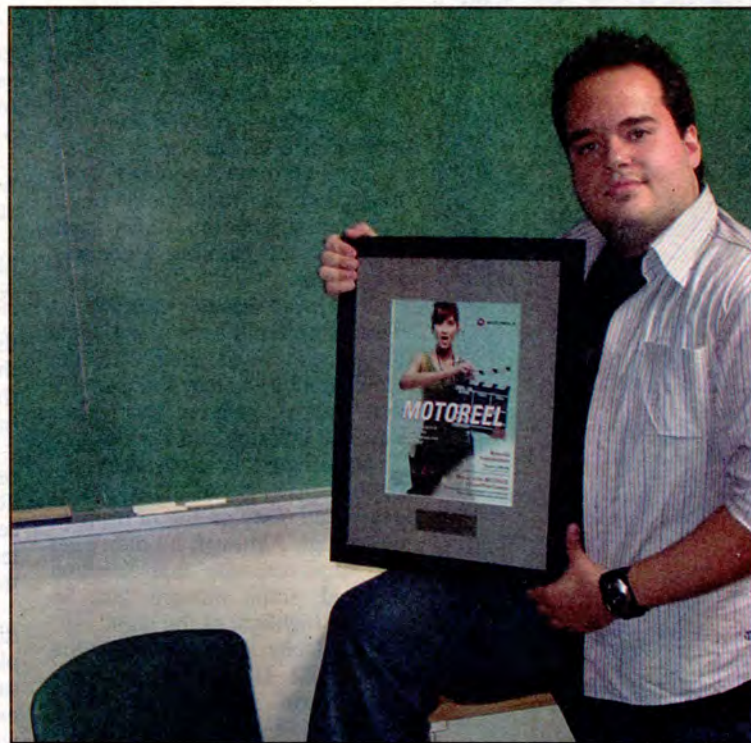
"It's about making contacts and meeting people in the industry," he said. "It's not like becoming a banker where you would just go to banking school. There are so many ways to get into the industry."

Mavilla also had only positive things to say about Humber's Film program.

"The program really was, and is, first class, and the teachers were really supportive of me and my peers."

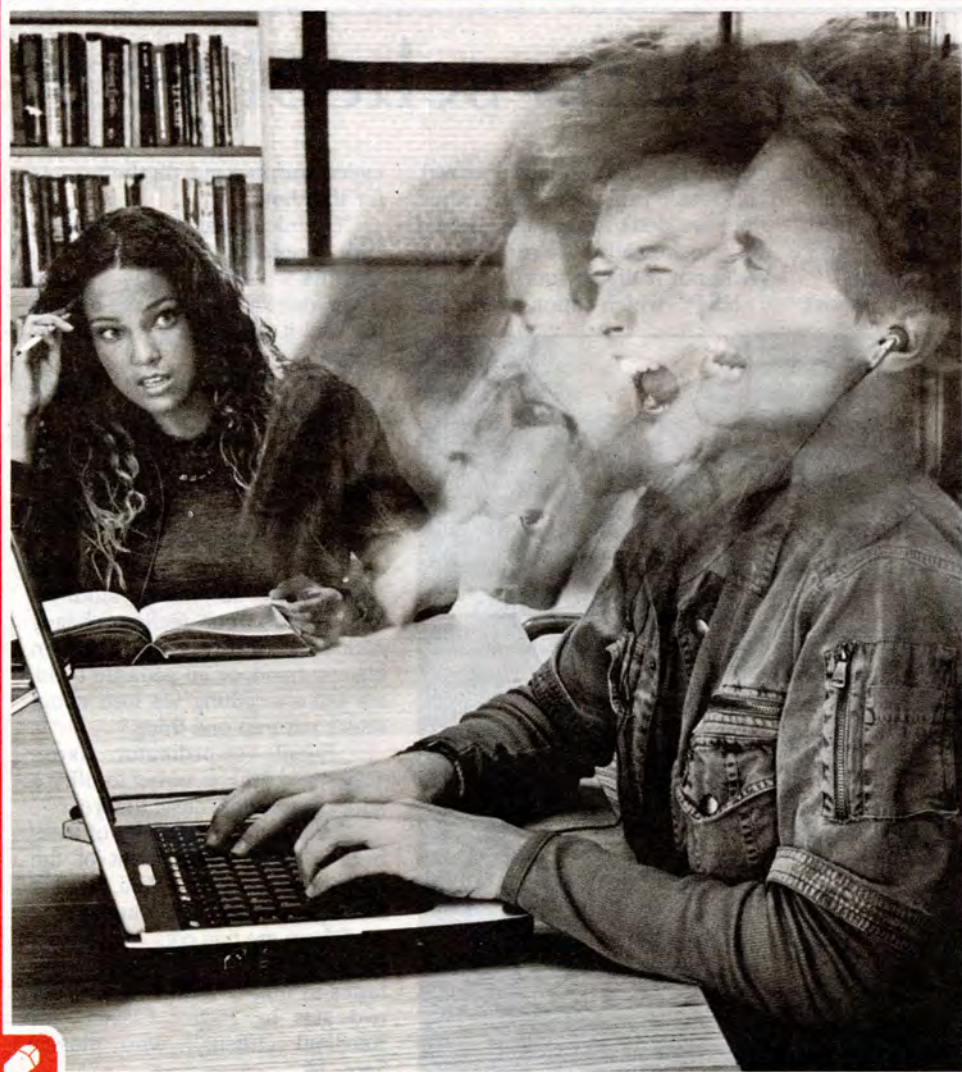
To see the film, visit www.motorola.ca/motoreel

To find out more about Mavilla, visit his website at www.holycannoli.ca



Ethan Rotberg

Stephen Mavilla displays the Motorola Motoreel plaque he received after winning the anti-pirating film contest. His 30-second film was aired before every movie at the TIFF.



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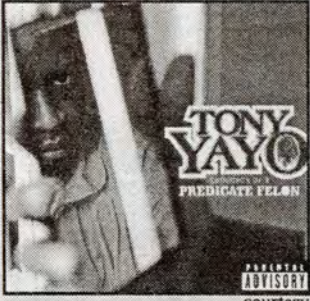
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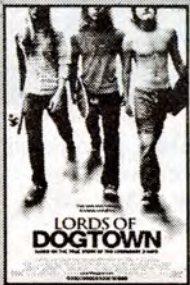
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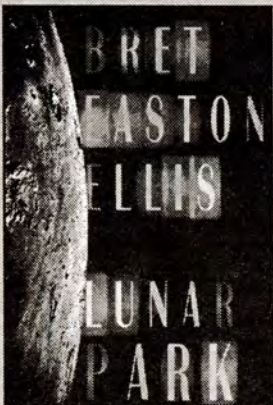
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Frosh week becomes a 'Kardi Party'

by bronwyn cawker
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

"Humber College are you with me!?" Kardinal Offishall asked the crowd during his Frosh week concert.

And the crowd couldn't agree more with his message of peace that permeated his show sponsored by the Humber Student's Federation.

The rainy weather didn't put a damper on the moods of hundreds of students who filed into the amphitheatre to enjoy the bass-ridden beats of Canadian hip-hoppers Kardinal Offishall and Ro Dolla.

Opening act Ro Dolla delivered positive messages of anti-violence, peace and unity on top of his popular songs. Although he didn't get the large response that Kardinal received, some thought that he was the highlight of the night.

"Ro Dolla definitely stole the show," Jill Dennis, a first-year media arts student said. "My friends and I got some signed CDs from him, which was awesome."

A 40-minute wait followed the first set. Then Kardinal sauntered out onto the stage followed by members of the Black Jays crew, Solitair and Ro Dolla.

Most people couldn't help but move to the music, and those who sat in the back rows were brought to their feet quickly after receiving a warning from Kardinal himself.

"You guys are at a party, not hearing a lecture in a classroom, so stand up!" he said.

Kardinal performed his big hits like Money Jane and Bakardi Slang which had everyone singing along.

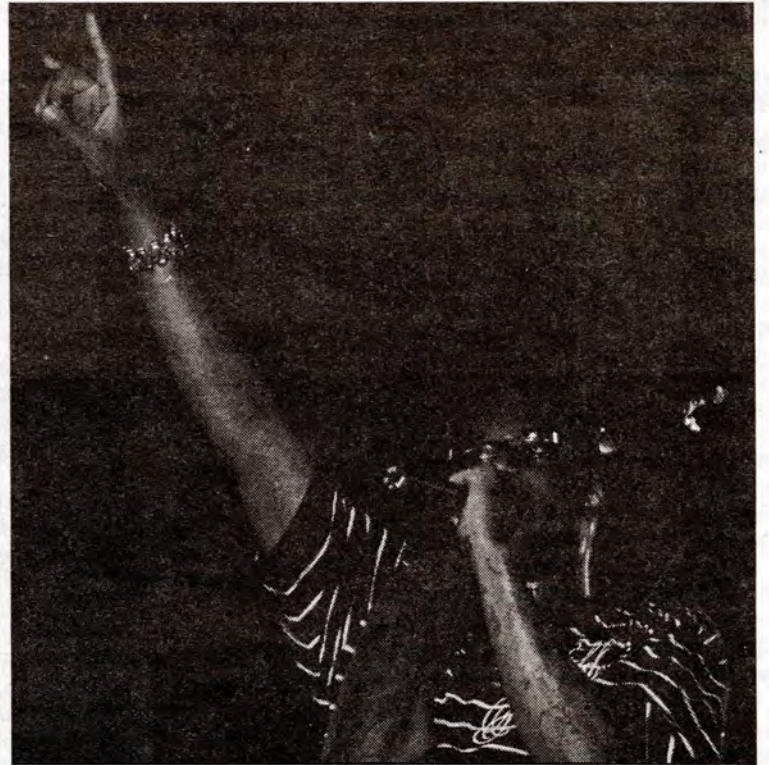
He instructed the crowd to raise their middle fingers in the air and then told them to add another into the mix, transforming the crude hand gesture into a peace sign.

"Unfortunately, guns are becoming more accessible in Toronto, so unfortunately we're seeing an increase in gun violence," Kardinal later told CKHC, the Humber college radio station.

Aaron Miller, programming director for the HSF, said he was pleased with the concert, but he said there could have been an extra 100 to 150 people if the weather was better.

And Kardinal had just as much fun as the students.

"Humber College was crazy," he said. "It's a nice way to end off summer and start the fall."



Bronwyn Cawker

Rapper Kardinal Offishall stands up against gun violence that has plagued the streets of his hometown, Toronto, recently.

Finger Eleven jumpstarts school year

by penny graham
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Screaming fans packed Humber Amphitheatre as Finger Eleven and Pilate played for a crowd of excited fans.

"If I feel like I've had a good show, it doesn't matter if there are 100 people or 5,000 or 20,000, or even 50,000," said Finger Eleven's guitarist James Black.

"I just like playing, it doesn't

matter, I'll take any sized crowd. This whole run's been universities. Since we don't have a new record out, technically we're writing. We're not really on tour."

HSF, which sponsored the

event, was happy with the turnout for the show.

"I think it was a big success", Vice President of Campus Life Cynthia Malagerio said. "Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun and it went along without any hitches."

And all the students enjoyed Finger Eleven's music.

"I found Finger Eleven was very entertaining," said Bekkah Alkema, a business student. "I enjoyed their cover of Pink Floyd's Welcome to the Machine."

Black said his band's sound appeals to so many students because it's "not really a heavy rock band or a soft rock band, an electric band, or an acoustic band, it's just everything we love about music put into one thing."

Events co-ordinator Aaron Miller said HSF is trying to offer a wider variety of music this year.

"Last year we had a lot of feedback that we spent a lot of the budget on Sum 41. Well, what if some people don't like Sum 41?"

"There are two concerts [during Frosh week] to hit two different tastes of music," Miller said of the two gigs by Finger Eleven and Kardinal Offishall who played Sept. 14.

He noted the Finger Eleven tickets were the affordable price of \$4 each.

"It's important to offer as much value to the student as possible. Last year we had k-os at Caps and it was free."

HSF also put on a Hurricane Katrina benefit concert this week in Caps.



Penny Graham

Scott Anderson and the rest of Finger Eleven are past winners of the MuchMusic Video Awards.

Last night's Fefe Dobson concert was replaced by The Joys after one of Dobson's guitarists shattered his knee. Check <http://www.hsfweb.com> for all event info.

Humber student filling radio airwaves

by drew seale
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

High up in the rooms of Humber Residence, a student is doing his best to run a radio station in what he calls an attempt to keep the airwaves free from corporate insincerity.

"Freedom of speech (is when) you're just expressing yourself to the world so everyone can know who you are, what you stand for and what type of music you're listening to," said DJ CarrotTop, who wants to withhold his real name.

DJ CarrotTop, a first-year computer programming student, divides his time between classes and working on KCSS Radio, a station he founded in his graduate year of high school in King City.

"No one really knows about it," he said. "It's just a small group of people who wanted to do it for fun."

The Internet has opened a new chapter in radio piracy allowing anyone to broadcast independent music and thoughts. DJ CarrotTop and his fellow deejays use KCSS to get independent musicians heard.

"(Pirate radio) is a great thing, it allows people to hear what other people feel about music instead of having the huge organizations shove down our throats what we need to hear and what is in," DJ CarrotTop said. "It gives a chance for listeners to hear different music other than

the same old media, made-up crap."

Humber Residence's Internet policy doesn't allow broadcasting of the radio station directly from a dorm room, but DJ CarrotTop has a way around it. The radio itself is broadcast from a King City school and any live radio programs are sent to the deejays there, who play the program after it has been properly mixed and edited by DJ CarrotTop.

Although the station broadcasts mostly over the Internet, it does occasionally broadcast over the air, which is illegal without a license. DJ Little Michelle of KCSS Radio defends the station's decision to do so, saying the signal is too weak to be heard by anyone outside the immediate area.

"We're not really harming anyone," DJ Little Michelle said. "And we can only really broad-



DJ CarrotTop, an anonymous voice on KCSS radio in King City.

cast in the area ... probably not to the outskirts of King City."

You can find out more information on KCSS Radio or listen to broadcasts online at www.geocities.com/kingcityradio

Caps hot spot for Thursday pub nights

by cecile hibbs
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

September brings with it two pivotal events. The start of classes, and the year's very first pub night.

Humber's on-campus pub Caps, has been supplying students with ample entertainment for more than 25 years, and last Thursday's pub night was no exception.

With the closing of popular local bar the Wild Rose, Humber's small pub was overflowing with students hungry for good music and cheap drinks.

Caps manager Kenny Dimech predicted a full house, and the two-hour wait in line signified the event as a success.

"We've got the best of country, R&B, hip hop - a mix for the masses," Dimech said.

With a wide variety of drinks, pool tables, arcade games, and

food available, and a live deejay spinning all night long, students danced and lounged until 2 a.m.

At the Woodbine Centre, Caps competitor J.J. Muggs tried to capture the interest of Humber students with its own pub night.

Recently, the restaurant has even implemented a Friday pub night for students.

"It was a smart move for J.J. Muggs to get students to come out on Friday nights because they know that Caps isn't open on this night," Dimech said.

Caps isn't worried about the competition though. Management is confident they offer students a better deal, bottle for bottle, drink for drink.

"We're not profit-driven like J.J. Muggs and a lot of other bars. We like to think of what we do as providing a service to the students, and we keep them on campus

where they're safe. Safety is our main concern," Dimech said

The growing concern among students is there are not enough establishments catering to the student population staying in Rexdale.

"It's a real problem because if people want to go to a different bar and hang out for a bit there's nothing close by, and going downtown and back would take forever," second-year multimedia design student Amy Mahon said who lives off-campus.

Last year the Wild Rose, located in the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel, seemed to be the main attraction. The bar even supplied a shuttle bus to transport students back and forth.

Caps staff said their pub is a good choice for first-year students who are new to the school and the drinking scene.

"It's good for students that are away from home for the first time and want to get their feet wet and meet new people in a safe and fun environment," Dimech said.

First-year business administration student Danny Gewarges, who lives on campus, prefers staying in an area he's familiar with.

"I'd rather stay on campus 'cause it's more convenient and safer because Rez is so close by," said Gewarges.

This fall, Caps has a full line-up of events, including the Bacardi Bash which took place on Sept. 22, and the Ultimate Singles Night, taking place on Sept. 29, in which guys and girls are handed nuts and bolts and challenged to find their match. The winner of the contest will receive a dinner and a night out on the town.

More events will be planned for the rest of the year.

Spotlight on Humber Reverie

This semester we'll profile bands comprised of Humber students. If you have a band or know of one, email us at etcetera.entertainment2005@gmail.com

With 15 years of friendship under their belts, Reverie shows no signs of quitting.

Matt Civak (guitarist and Humber Et Cetera sports editor), a third-year Humber journalism student, met bandmates Brody Hohman (drums) and Bryan Campbell (bass) in elementary school. Tom Frelek (guitar) joined in high school, and the band eventually recruited Frelek's older cousin, Peter Sopa, for vocals after he moved to Mississauga from Poland.

Reverie has had a rocky start with constant changes over the years.

"We've been known as The Sidekick O'Brians, Six Cents Short of \$2.75, The Generic High School Band and Pistols and Tulips, just to name a few," Civak said.

He admits they've had difficulties. "I've quarreled with the band, been kicked out, reconciled and re-joined all within a month once."

They've won internet fan polls, appeared on CFMT - Omni Television in February to raise money for various Polish hospitals and charities.

Get more info on Reverie at <http://www.reverie-music.ca>.



Shanan Crandon

Imprint art

by penny graham
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The Guelph-Humber art gallery is offering a seat to artist Anne Tori's chair-inspired exhibit.

Nineteen of the artist's pieces are for sale at the chair two-week long showcase from \$200 to \$850.

The art, which depicts chairs of all types, includes some of Tori's award-winning water-colour and acrylic paintings.

"I began a series based on chairs I had known and loved - a portrait of the chair and an accompanying sketch of the chair occupied, almost as if memory of its use imprints the chair," Tori said, explaining the name of the show, Imprints.

The Toronto-based artist has exhibited in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia at many venues including the Humber Studio Theatre.

Tori has won several awards, and is a member of Estonian Artists in Canada. The Etobicoke Board of Education has commissioned her work, and she has juried for the annual Lakeshore Arts show.

Imprint was organized and launched by six fourth-year GH business students as an assignment for their Event Management course.

Nicole Goldberger, GH business association co-president and one of the students who organized the event said, "We feel the gallery will attract a lot of people due to the amount of planning and advertising that went into the event. Over 150 people were sent formal invitations, and with ads in newspapers, online, and signs posted around the community, we are confident that the exhibit will be a success."

The exhibit runs Sept. 19 to Oct. 1 in the Guelph-Humber Art Gallery.

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Humber Fashion Arts instructor Antonietta Perretta had some of her creations from her jewelry line included in the TIFF gift bags given to celebrities.

Corpse Bride Review Slow Nerve Action Spellbound

by jennifer lee cialini
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Step into the world of Tim Burton and let your mind bask in the wonder of his macabre imagination in *Corpse Bride*. It's a world where skeletons dance, spiders sing, and corpses fall in love.

The gorgeous imagery of the large-eyed characters in their black and white village floats effortlessly into the vibrant underworld that beautifully reflects the inner life of the characters and places.

The tragic love story is as touching and soft as it is effervescent and comical, all played out with a vision and style that only Burton can call his own.

The film stars Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Tracey Ullman, Emily Watson, Christopher Lee,

and collaborator Mike Johnson. Danny Elfman, as well as composing the original score, voices the role of Bonejangles, the leader of a skeleton jazz band at an underworld club.

The animated picture is the first feature to be made with commercial still photography cameras as opposed to film. With real sets and lights, the film was created using intricate puppets shot in stop-motion animation one frame at a time.

The movie, which took years to make, comes from a Russian folktale about a murdered bride's love for a man who is very much alive, living and engaged to someone else.

Let there be no grave misunderstanding; *Corpse Bride* should be Oscar nominated.



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by ashley carter
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The latest disc from Vancouver's Slow Nerve Action is not so much terrible as it is mind-numbingly annoying.

With a sound that is described as porn-funk fused with hip-hop, the band refuses to write a song that isn't about sex (and not in that acceptable Marvin Gaye sort of way).

Containing lyrics like "I'm your girlfriend's real ballpark frank" and the slightly less metaphorical, "You've got a lovely vagina and balls," Lovenasium is destined to be a smash amongst the Grade 3, p o g - t r a d i n g crowd.

About halfway through the 70-minute opus, the tracks become virtually indistinguishable from one another. Apparently there's no end to the number of innuendos you can throw over the same syncopated funk groove.

Even before you place the disc

into your stereo, you get an idea of what you're in for from the insert photo. Never before has a hip-hop act showcased both a guy in a wrestling mask and a man in a striped cardigan hugging a sheep.

To be fair, Lovenasium has its moments. Songs like "Only Pros" and "Heavy" have dangerously catchy hooks until they're trampled on by an awful deejays.

The depressing thing about Slow Nerve Action is they shouldn't be as bad as they are. Their band name is a Flaming Lips reference, suggesting they have good musical influences to draw from.

Worse still, the musicianship is good, making it all the more puzzling why they would want to limit themselves to being a gimmick. Really, if they'd ditch the frat boy lyrics and mix it up a bit, they could be a mean little funk band.

Slow Nerve Action play Toronto's Horseshoe Tavern on Sept. 27.



courtesy

by mark guilherme
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Anyone walking by Caps on Wednesday afternoon probably wondered why there were three guys getting it on with their chairs.

It was just a small part of hypnotist Tony Lee's performance.

Lee called upon a group of willing volunteers to get on stage and attempt to be hypnotized. Some did spend the hour doing his every command, from simulating lewd sexual acts to taking a trip back in time and pretending to be elementary school students - but all in good fun.

"What I do is something that makes people laugh," Lee said. "The cool thing about it is that it doesn't matter what sexual preference, age or nationality you are, so long as you're having fun together."

The crowd agreed, as they cheered Lee on while he made his way around Caps, handing out shots of tequila to students.

Even though he's performed at Humber roughly twice a year over the past decade, he still leaves students like electrical apprentice student Evan Brazel, wanting more.

"This is my second time watching," Brazel said. "I'm not a student here next semester, but I'll come back to watch him."

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Spreading Terry's message

by jennifer berube
LIFE REPORTER

One year, six chemotherapy treatments, and one marathon later this Humber student is unstoppable

Humber student and cancer survivor, Julie Broadbent, 21, showed her support for the Terry Fox Foundation while running her own marathon of hope last weekend in Port Credit.

Last year Broadbent, a third-year journalism student, was diagnosed with cervical cancer. This past weekend she took part in the Terry Fox Run with the support of her mother and sister.

"I'm running for myself, for my family and friends, and for the cure," Broadbent said. Diagnosed at the age of 20, she finished six rounds of chemotherapy in August and is now in remission.

"My story is one of hope. I do think we will find a cure," she said.

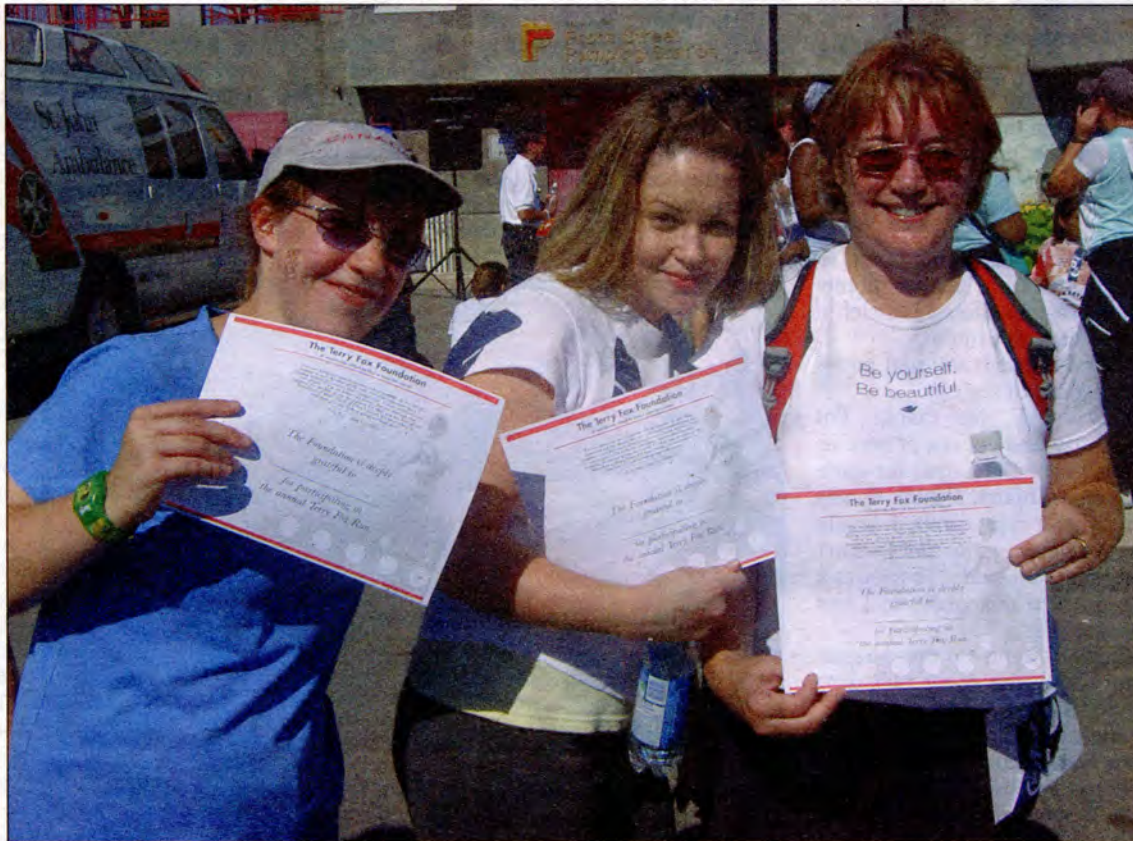
Broadbent's goal was to raise \$100 for cancer research. By Sunday she had raised \$600.

Broadbent's contribution helped raise \$131,212 in the Port Credit run alone, this year's volunteer co-ordinator Luisa McDonald, said. In her second year hosting the event, McDonald said the number of runners and donations have more than doubled last year's totals.

Like every year, the turnout surprised runner Jeff Stapleton as well. While studying exercise physiology at Western University in 1980, Stapleton and five other runners were asked to join Fox as he ran into London, Ont.

For 12 km, Stapleton ran with Terry Fox. He knew then he was part of something incredible. "I didn't know it was going to turn into this," Stapleton said after participating in the run this weekend.

Ontario raised \$15 million this year, said Bruna Raimondo of the Terry Fox Foundation provincial office. To date more than \$360 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research through the



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After a recent battle with cancer Humber student Julie Broadbent, middle, had the support of sister Katie, left, and mom Linda, right, at Sunday's 25th annual Terry Fox Run in Port Credit.

annual Terry Fox Run.

According to the Terry Fox Foundation website a new generation of drugs are available and better screening methods are being developed to find and treat cancers in their earliest stage.

It says most major cancer incidence and death rates are declining. Cancers like Hodgkins disease and testicular cancer have high

survival rates, low levels of recurrence and are considered effectively controlled.

According to the National Cancer Institute of Canada, the five-year survival rate for cervical cancer is 92 per cent when caught at its earliest stage. Even though incidence and mortality rates have declined by approximately 50 per cent over the past three decades,

the disease remains a serious health threat among women.

Within four days of finding out she was in the third stage of cervical cancer, Broadbent was rushed into surgery. Radiation didn't work, so treatments jumped to surgery, then chemotherapy.

Broadbent decided to keep a positive outlook through it all. "People see taking chemo or radia-

tion as sucking life out of you because you are tired and have no energy and you lose your hair," Broadbent said. "I would say to people it's sucking life into me. I saw it as giving me life because in the long run it was beating the cancer and helping my body get better.

"You have to be strong," Broadbent said. "It's cancer, you can't do anything about it." But she is doing something about it.

After having half of her cervix removed, Broadbent has less than a 10 per cent chance of having children. This is a realization she and her boyfriend didn't want to face, and one that left her deeply depressed.

In August, Broadbent started a support group at the Mood Disorder Clinic at Trillium Health Centre in Mississauga for people who suffer from depression because of cancer. "Basically we just sit around and talk about cancer and how it has affected our lives and our friends and families and help each other cope," Broadbent explained.

One possible plan for the group is to set up a team called Julie's Team to run at annual cancer events like the Terry Fox Run.

The 25th run may have been the first for Broadbent but it is definitely not the last.

"I believe cancer is one of the worst diseases any human could ever endure," Broadbent wrote in her online pledge sheet for the run. "It eats away at all you have and all you are made of."

With the support of her family and friends, Broadbent has managed to turn a traumatic experience into an inspirational vision. Her fight against cancer is one she will not be battling alone. "It's not about me. It's about getting the message across."

Charity wristbands — fab or fad?

Counterfeit bracelets exploit goodwill for personal gain

by jennifer berube
LIFE REPORTER

After launching its LIVE-STRONG campaign last year, the Lance Armstrong Foundation fears the new wristband fad is hindering charitable profits.

An onslaught of charity bracelets being sold around the world is raising awareness of issues from cancer to poverty and even bullying, but not always raising money for charity.

"The people selling fake wristbands are just stealing money from cancer patients," said Stephanie

Elsa, LAF's associate director of public relations. "It's unethical."

While some of the wristbands support legitimate charities, most don't support a cause at all, and some are complete knockoffs of the originals.

In May 2004, Lance Armstrong, champion cyclist and cancer survivor, got together with Nike and introduced the LIVE-STRONG wristband. The first of its kind in what would soon be a worldwide trend, the yellow rubber band was sold for one dollar to raise money for cancer research.

It didn't take long before other organizations hopped on the bandwagon with competitive bands.

"We don't have a problem with other organizations using their own bracelets to raise money for a good cause," Elsa said. "Imitation

is the sincerest form of flattery."

The LAF is concerned with the number of people buying the phony bands.

"If you're buying a fake bracelet you're just helping someone earn a buck," Elsa said.

Humber student Jennifer Dunlop agrees.

"It's one thing to jump on the bandwagon and it's another thing to support the cause," said Dunlop, who wears the blue Canadian Cancer Society bracelet. She has lost a grandmother to breast cancer and a grandfather to lung cancer.

Michael Parka, a convenience store owner in Brampton, sells a variety of the rubber wristbands. Each band sells for \$1.99 plus tax and displays the phrase, Be Strong. Live Long.



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Buyer beware - knockoff bracelets are turning up on store shelves everywhere.

Parka said he bought the bracelets from a wholesaler and no money is going to any charities for them. He sold out of an order of

30 bands in less than two months.

"We're victims of pop culture," said Darcy Legg, a former Rexdale resident. "There's a sad shallowness of it.

"It's a victimization that we must contribute to a charity, however the gratification comes from a worthless piece of plastic that we wear to show everyone we actually contribute to a charity," Legg said.

The LAF is working with law officials in North America and overseas to stop the flow of counterfeit wristbands.

Authentic, yellow LIVE-STRONG bracelets can only be purchased at www.laf.org, Discovery Channel Store, Nike Town, Nike Outlet or Nike Woman, Elsa said. All proceeds benefit the LAF.

The American Red Cross projects Hurricane Katrina will be the most costly relief effort in its history. It estimates more than \$2 billion will be needed for relief.

Student escapes New Orleans disaster

No contact had family worried for daughter's life

by jason bowser
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber College student Marni Elmaleh is glad to be back home after being stranded in New Orleans more than three weeks ago, when Hurricane Katrina left parts of the city underwater.

"I was very lucky," said Elmaleh, 24.

Thousands of New Orleans residents and visitors weren't so lucky. Elmaleh is urging the Humber community to support the relief effort.

When initial warnings were issued, Elmaleh was one of many people who weren't worried.

"New Orleans is like hurricane central," Elmaleh said. "Every single year they get all these huge scares. You know, 'the end of the world is coming' kind of thing. And every year nothing happens. It rains and that's all. So nobody took it seriously."

Original reports said Katrina wasn't supposed to strike until Monday afternoon. Since Elmaleh had a flight out of New Orleans that morning, she thought she



Marni Elmaleh

could beat the hurricane and get out before it arrived. After calling her parents for advice, her father told her to try contacting Yossi Nemes, a local rabbi.

"But then, it was approaching faster and my flight was cancelled," Elmaleh said. When she reached Nemes by telephone he was boarding up windows in his synagogue in preparation for Katrina.

Nemes and his family opted to ride out the storm in their home. He immediately offered Elmaleh a place to stay with them.

At first Elmaleh still had hopes of getting out of the city.

"I was like, 'No thanks, I'm going to try and get out of here as soon as I can.' But I tried for quite a few more hours, I think it was around 2:30 p.m., when I finally decided to face reality that I wasn't getting out," she said. "There was a 6 p.m. curfew that night, so I had to do something."

Elmaleh went to the Nemes' home where she spent two days waiting for Katrina to pass. Although the Toronto Sun reported she was rescued off the roof of the home by the National Guard, she said only a foot and a half of

water flooded the first floor of the home, and she escaped without harm.

"The water went down, and the storm was over," she said. "And there were pumps at the end of the street that were constantly pumping out water. So since we were so close, they were effective."

"That's when the Sun published that I was taken off the roof by helicopter," Elmaleh laughed. "They just wanted to have some exciting news."

Eventually, the 13 people staying in the home got out of the city in two vans. When they reached Jackson, Mississippi, Marni caught

a flight home where her family, who had been out of contact with her for two days, waited eagerly.

"My whole family showed up at the airport with balloons and flowers and signs," Elmaleh said.

In the end, Elmaleh said the ordeal was a lot more stressful for her family than for her.

"I was fine, everything was fine. But cell phone towers and land lines were down because of the storm so we couldn't get a hold of them," Elmaleh said. "I knew everything was okay, they just didn't."

Like many citizens of New Orleans, Elmaleh was disappointed

with the government response to the disaster.

"I think they could have prepared a lot better," Elmaleh said. "They could have helped more people get out of the city."

"They were telling people, 'Go to the Superdome - that's a place of refuge - and bring five days worth of food with you,'" she said. "First of all, who's going to be able to lug all that food for an entire family, and second of all, even if you do, there's thousands and thousands of people. How are you going to guarantee that your food's there when you wake up the next morning? It's crazy."

With the death toll reaching almost a thousand and a massive reconstruction effort underway, Elmaleh has her own message for Canadians.

"I'm sure they need as much help as they can get," Elmaleh said. "I think sending stuff is the only way that we can actually help right now."

The Canadian Red Cross is working in cooperation with the American Red Cross by sending supplies to New Orleans. Donations can be made by mail to the Canadian Red Cross Toronto Region Office, 1623 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., M4T 2A1, by phone at 1-800-418-1111, online at www.redcross.ca or in person at their local offices.



marni elmaleh

Katrina's strong winds uprooted a tree onto Yossi Nemes lawn, where student Marni Elmaleh rode out the storm.

Choose fit over fashion when buying jeans

by sandra bratovic
LIFE REPORTER

Finding the perfect pair of jeans can be difficult, but understanding your body type can help you determine the right fit.

Elvie Capano, the head buyer for the retail chain Costa Blanca, knows a thing or two about jeans. She has spent the past two years redesigning her denim to update

the style and quality of the line, but admits when it comes to fit, women need to look at their shape, not what looks good on the hanger.

"Hiphuggers aren't for everyone," Capano said. "Sometimes they can be very unflattering if they cut you at the sides."

Capano suggests boot cut as the best for most body types.

"If you don't have a bum, wear jeans with pockets in the back because they add bulk, or avoid them if you have a little extra back there. The same applies to the hip area."

Buying a jean that suits your height can be just as important.

"A long jean will elongate the leg, which is good if you are short, or tall, for that matter," Capano

said. "The only thing I would say is, if you are short, try to avoid jeans that don't cover the heel of your shoe."

Capano admits buying a pair of jeans is a very personal thing and recommends trying many different fits until you are comfortable.

"At the end of the day, you need to feel good about the way you look."

Anabela Santos, a first-year tourism and travel student said, "It just depends on how they look on me."

Santos looks at trends, but admitted comfort plays the biggest role in her decision.

Christina Reis, first-year tourism and travel student, has problems finding jeans that fit properly.

"I have big hips and a big behind," Reis said. "I try on a million pairs before I buy them."

Lucian Matis, a denim menswear designer for the retail chain Urban Behavior, considers body types as well when he is designing jeans for his men's line. He suggests many of the same tips when looking for the right fit.

Matis said the biggest mistake



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Finding the right jeans for your body is as simple as following a few rules.

men make with jeans is thinking they can hide behind them.

"If you are large, a jean that is even larger will not make you look thinner," Matis said.

"Always buy the right size."

Thin men will sometimes make the same mistake thinking the additional fabric will make them look larger, but Matis suggested using pockets instead.

"Cargo pants look really good on thin guys because the pockets add bulk to the back and sides."

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Layering, textures hot this fall

Heavy fabrics, chunky jewelry, big belts are season's must haves

by hazel ong
LIFE REPORTER

This fall, black . . . is the new black.

Everyone's favourite anti-colour is making its way back onto the runways with a vengeance.

Black is, and has been for years, the universal colour of chic, and its reappearance on this fall's hot-list is well embraced and long awaited by many who love its slimming effects and simple elegance.

Marlene Dietrich-inspired fashions, along with remnants of last season's bohemian-ethnic look are what's hot this season.

"The big look for fall 2005 is romantic goth," said Tammy Eckenswiller, fashion editor for Fashion18 magazine.

While the darker hues associated with the romantic goth look are making their comeback, the rich boho-influenced colours are still

essential in balancing out the look and making sure you don't end up looking like you're going to a funeral.

"We're looking at a lot of teals and turquoises as being some of the hot colours, as well as dark purples and burgundies which we haven't really seen in a while," said Susan Robertson, Humber fashion arts program co-ordinator.

The key to wearing black this fall is to wear it with a brightly coloured piece and choosing uniquely textured black fabrics, like wool or tweed, or something with full volume or interesting detailing.

"There's still a bohemian influ-

ence, where there's layering upon layers and that's a mix of bright colours as well as dark colours. What's big is embroidery, ruching, smocking, layering, odd pieces placed together, halter tops over dress shirts, that kind of weird mix," said Humber fashion arts

instructor Pamela D'Etorre.

"Texture is coming back strong, so a lot of heavier knits and cardigans, ruching, angles and designs, crossovers, slashes, deep v's, the layering look continues," Robertson said.

Throw on a pair of cowboy boots with summer's essential piece, the gypsy skirt for a new fall look.

And for the guys, a pair of cowboy boots would add a rustic touch to a pair of distressed denim.

"The cowboy boot is definitely back. I saw it through the summer and I see it again this fall. Or suede boots with detailing on it, with fringe," D'Etorre said.

Belts with different designs and embellishments can improve a plain outfit and can create many different options and looks.

This season, as opposed to wearing a low slung belt on the waist, wear it high up to create an empire waistline for a true romantic goth styling.

"Belts are huge, too, this season. Belts over top of stuff you wouldn't normally put over top of, cinching in coats that you wouldn't typically put belts over, (belts) have become the accessory of choice," D'Etorre said.

Also carrying over from the summer is big bold colourful and rustic looking jewelry.

"Lots of big earrings are still very popular, because of the whole boho look," D'Etorre said.

"Chunky necklaces made out of all natural materials like bone, wood, hand blown glass, big seeds, anything that shows an imperfection is what you want to wear."



shane crandon

Second year fashion arts students Hanna Staeenland, 29, left, Laruen Block, 25, middle, and Juliana Stark, 21, right are already in tune with fashion's fall trends in jewelry, textures, and inspirations from nature.

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your personal style on campus



hazel ong

by hazel ong
LIFE REPORTER

Nineteen-year old fashion arts student Michelle Wyatt has a style of her own. Her yellow polka dot tights set her apart.

"I got my tights from someone when I used to work at a fashion magazine. They're Mondors, it's a brand," she said.

Michelle's inspiration for her unique style doesn't come from celebrities, but rather from her own creativity and funky fashion magazines like ID.

"I'm always experimenting with different clothes and turning things upside-down and inside-out," she said.

Her cropped, brown paisley bolero is a 10-year-old blouse from Le Chateau worn upside down and buttoned together in the front.

"I was thinking of certain designers like Anna Sui, who's doing really bold prints. Paisley is coming back in, and I'm just doing prints that clash but still look fashionable and look like what designers are doing," she said. Michelle proves you can put together a designer look without having to spend designer bucks.

"I probably spend within \$50 on a whole outfit," she said.

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Tips for staying on top of your studies

Healthy mind and healthy body essential for scholastic success

by sarah lanni
LIFE REPORTER

Juggling school and work can become overwhelming, but with a well balanced mind and a little organization students can stay on top of things, maybe with a little time to spare.

Following these tips can help students handle it all.

Sleep means study

Students should study when they are the most alert.

"Determine your own natural sleeping rhythm," said Dr. Joanne Burgess, executive director of Sylvan Learning Centre and professor at York University's Glendon College. "Some people are night people and some are morning people."

Humber student Melody MacDonald knows what works. "I always take a nap before I start studying so that my brain is fully awake."

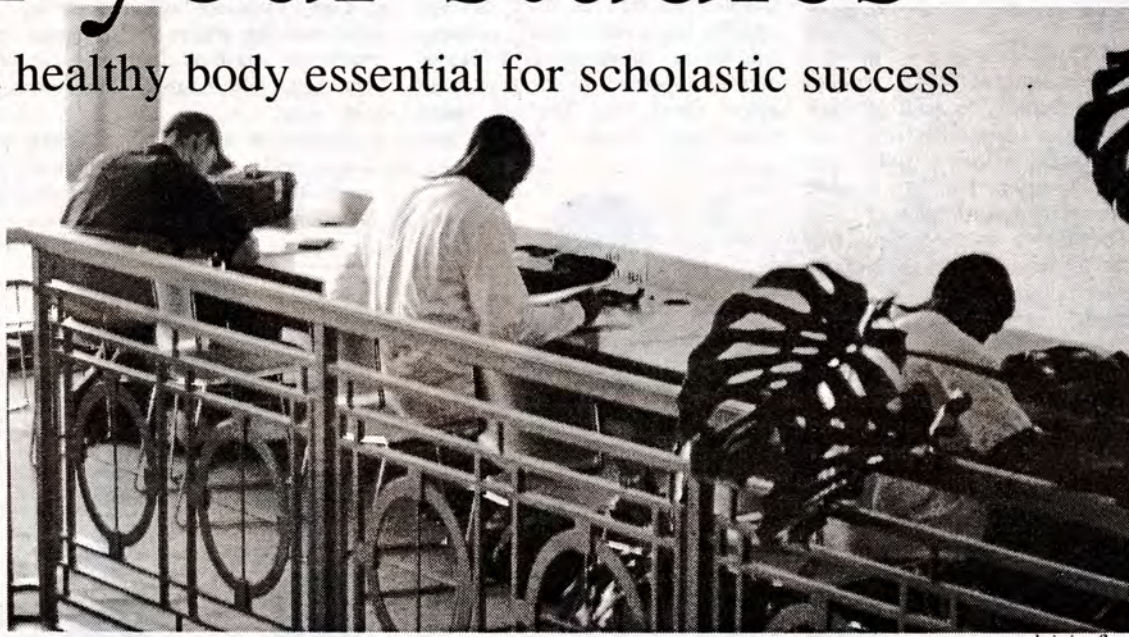
However, there is more than just knowing the right time to study.

Your space

An environment that engages the student is essential. Desiree Azzoli, interior designer at Decorating Elements in Toronto, encourages students to study in an environment where the colours in the room excite the student.

"Reds and yellows are livelier, whereas blues, greens and shades are more depressing."

Azzoli recommends studying in a room with plants, which give off oxygen and energy, but also a room with natural light.



Humber has many resources on campus to help students reach their academic goals. christine flynn

Hungry body, hungry brain

Virginia Pumphrey, nutritionist at Forever Healthy in Toronto, advises students to eat healthy, especially before a test.

It's important to stock up on nutritious foods such as vegetables green in colour, foods rich in B-vitamins and essential fatty acids and grains like brown rice. Nuts, hemp and flax seeds also promote brain activity.

Pumphrey says Ginkgo Biloba helps with memory retention and concentration. However, she warns students to avoid eating sugar prior to studying. It can promote fatigue and affect students' concentration.

Organize

Time management is key to achieving educational success.

Burgess explains an effective way to use your day planner. "You don't just write down what you have to do but when you want to do it. Write down times when you plan on studying."

Use three different colour pens to distinguish between planned studying, recreational and free time. For every hour spent in class, Burgess recommends three hours of studying.

Lorne Jones, owner of Champion Tutors, suggests drawing lines through completed work in your planner to give you a sense of accomplishment.

Making a priority list where students should leave what's due later for last is another way to organize pressing deadlines.

Humber offers free learning skills workshops to all Humber and Guelph-Humber students.

Learn at lunch

Students can register for workshops in room D128 or call 416-675-5090.

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From pine to prominence

Heidi Jaaskelainen goes from bench warmer to star

by jevon griffith
SPORTS REPORTER

A new basketball season is upon us and Heidi Jaaskelainen, last year's Rookie of the Year and member of the OCAA League All Star 2nd Team is ready to make an impact again.

"I'm definitely looking forward to working hard to keep my starting position and helping out as much as I can on defence and offense," Jaaskelainen said.

For this upcoming Hawks season, Jaaskelainen plans to increase her stats from last year and also become more consistent with her jump shot.

Coach Denise Perrier hopes not only will her all-star forward develop into a good shooter, but she will adjust to being a solid, small forward and play a key role in defending the OCAA championship en route to playing for the nationals.

"The goal for the Lady Hawks this year is to defend the OCAA championship. I'd like for the team

to finish at the top of the Eastern Division and we want to get back to the national's. Last year, we only had one person who'd been to the national's, so the team knows now what it takes to get there, so that's our ultimate goal for this year," Perrier said.

Jaaskelainen took a while to get her basketball feet wet because she was stuck on the bench early on in her career.

"In Grade 9 and 10 I was on the bench the entire year, but I kept at it and eventually became a starter in Grade 11," Jaaskelainen said.

After becoming a starter, and proving she deserved the role, Jaaskelainen still had more obstacles to overcome.

While on her way to Humber to play for the Lady Hawks, she was told by someone in Sault Ste. Marie that she might not even make the team and if she did, she wouldn't get much playing time.

Of course, she went on to make

the team and managed to impress coach Perrier in the process.

"As soon as we saw her play we were in awe. We knew right away that we had to take her and we never questioned if it was worth taking her," Perrier said.

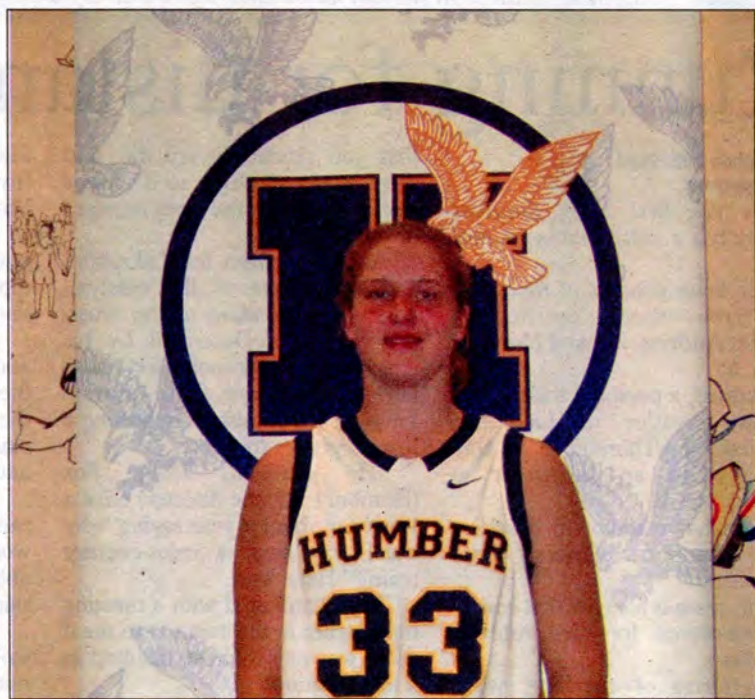
Not only was the coach impressed with her showing, Perrier was just as impressed with her undeniable dedication, both on and off the court, and how coachable she was.

"She definitely has the work ethic and the attitude to go far. She's also a good student, too, a very good student," Perrier said.

"She's the type of player that if you say, 'Heidi, run through a wall,' she'll run through the wall," Perrier said with a smile.

But all kidding aside, Perrier and her coaching staff knew it was pure luck, and perhaps fate, that brought the talented forward to the Lady Hawks program.

"We were lucky because last year was a time that we needed



Jevon Griffith

Heidi Jaaskelainen looks to improve on her excellent rookie year.

some post work and she came to us, which is really nice because we didn't recruit her. She came in last year, did a walkthrough, came to one of our games, we saw her shoot for a while, she came onto our team and the next

thing you know, she's the Rookie of the Year and a member of the OCAA League All Star 2nd Team," Perrier said.

The Humber Lady Hawks start their regular season against Georgian on Nov. 9 at home.

Lady Hawks look to improve on silver this year

by matt durman
SPORTS REPORTER

The varsity women's soccer team is set to get another season under way.

Tryouts are over for 2004's OCAA silver medalist, as they prepare to take a shot at gold in 2005.

The team has a strong foundation built, with 15 players returning from last year's squad, as well as nine players who are new to the roster.

The Hawks opened the pre-season in an exhibition tournament at Loyalist College, where they won their first game 2-0 over the host team. They were defeated in their second game, 1-0 by last year's OCAA gold medalist, the Durham Lords.

"We played very well in that game," said head coach Vince Pileggi. "We were very evenly matched and had equal amounts of scoring opportunities."

"OCAA gold is a realistic goal for the team this season."

-Vince Pileggi, Head Coach

Coach Pileggi believes that OCAA gold is a realistic goal for the team this season.

"We need to remain focused, disciplined and continue our hard

work, and with that will come success."

In the rain-shortened Durham Invitational Tournament this past weekend, the ladies won their only

contest 4-3 in a shootout over the Seneca Sting.

The regular season kicks off for the Hawks on Sept. 24 in Windsor against St. Claire.

Men's rugby team prepared to start season this week

Coach French looks for better results than exhibition game against McMaster

by justin holmes
SPORTS REPORTER

The final tryout for the men's rugby team was also their first game, a 22-6 exhibition loss at McMaster University.

"The score doesn't reflect the game," coach Carey French said. "It was at least 50/50 in terms of possession."

He said the 10-6 halftime score was a "truer reflection" of his team's performance.

"Given that this was the end of tryouts, everyone was trying to

showcase themselves instead of playing as a team, which is to be expected," he said.

"Even with that, our boys more than held their own."

McMaster scored on their first play, which French attributed to Humber being "still mentally on the bus."

Evan French was the only point scorer for the Hawks, kicking in two penalties.

Coach French said he expected a "quantum leap in performance" in the next few games.

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"A school without football is in danger of deteriorating into a medieval study hall." - Vince Lombardi

Running for distance

by **stephen leithwood**
SPORTS REPORTER

For the first time, Humber College has a varsity cross-country team.

The team consists of nine men and three women, coached by Jennifer Andress, 27, and Monique Haan, 27.

Andress, a personal trainer, is a former wrestler of Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont. She is also an instructor at Humber North.

Haan has a minor in coaching and attended Illinois State University.

This team is also the first coaching experience for both Andress and Haan.

"In terms of coaching, we're learning as we go. We're still working out the kinks," Andress said.

"Because we are a new team, some of the athletes didn't come in condition and we're trying to condition them now," Haan said. "Jen and I are both from the mentality

that you practice every day and these students aren't, so it's just a matter of getting the team together often."

A student from the Lakeshore Campus is one of the catalysts behind the creation of the cross-country team. Described by his coaches as highly motivated and a fairly good runner, Colin Murray-Lawson was persistent in putting a team together this year.

"He e-mailed Doug Fox (Humber's athletic director) once a week for about a year saying 'why don't you have a cross-country team?'" Haan said.

That, combined with a meeting held earlier in the summer to see if there was any interest, resulted in a large turnout.

The team currently has only one healthy female runner. One athlete pulled her hamstring in practice and another stepped on glass earlier in the year.

The team will compete in meets every other weekend starting with

the Mohawk/ Redeemer Invitational in Ancaster, near Hamilton.

In cross-country, teams get points based on how each college's top four runners pass the finish line.

If the team can come together and score enough points, then they'll have a chance to qualify for the CCAA Championships taking place in Peterborough on Nov. 11 and 12.

"Unfortunately, for our first race we won't have enough women competing so we won't be able to get a team score," Haan said.

"One of the number one things we asked of our athletes was commitment, because it's such a short season. In order to get our foot in the door we need them to be committed and come to practices when they can," Andress said.

The runners are scheduled to participate in three tournaments before the competing in the OCAA championships at the end of October.

Rugby for women

by **justin holmes**
SPORTS REPORTER

Women's rugby coach Todd Russell demands attention, push-ups and devotion. In return, he offers a love for the sport of rugby.

"It's my goal to keep people going in rugby," Russell said, happy with the turnout of veterans and people new to the game.

The president of the Toronto Rugby Union, Russell was brought in this year to coach Humber's women's rugby club for its third season.

"It's my passion in life," explained the 37-year-old, who also coaches the Caledon Cavaliers women's rugby team in the summer. "I've been involved in the game since I was 14 - playing, refereeing, coaching and administrating."

Assistant coach Sara Mezzone, 26, a project co-ordinator for justice studies at Guelph-Humber, said the sport is attracting attention.

"This is our biggest turnout ever (for tryouts)," she said, noting

that this year was better than others in terms of securing games.

Mezzone explained that setting up games with other colleges can be difficult, since the sport's lack of varsity status leaves it wanting attention in other schools, but emphasized that "our athletics (department) is very supportive."

Aislinn McNally, 23, a second-year nursing student and assistant coach, added that universities are generally better organized and easier to arrange matches with, but often have players on the roster who compete at a national level.

"We did really well," McNally said of last year's performances against a number of strong clubs, posting an overall 2-5 record.

Varsity status is an obvious goal for the program. McNally said that rugby is the fastest growing women's sport in Canada and the third most popular team sport worldwide.

The women's team plays its first game at York University on Wednesday, Sept. 28, and hosts a tournament on Sunday, Oct. 23.



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Badminton back at Humber

by **terry bridge**
SPORTS REPORTER

This fall, badminton will be making its return to Humber after 10 years.

"We're excited to be back in badminton, we have a tremendous varsity tradition," said Doug Fox, Humber's director of athletics. "We're basically starting from scratch, we don't know what kind of talent we have."

Humber's new team will be lead by head coach Paul McGarr, who has a wealth of badminton experience.

"We are eager to get started and we look forward to an exciting season this year. We have a lot of exciting plans for tournament participation and then, of course, OCAA championships and anything past that if we make it farther. As well, all are welcome to see what the badminton team has to offer," McGarr said.

McGarr has won 16 individual and partner titles in the Ontario Badminton Association, as well as a gold medal for Mohawk College in the Ontario College Athletic

Association.

He currently teaches music at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, a Toronto Catholic school that teaches talented art students from Grades 7 to 12.

"Our coach used to be a player, played with Mohawk and won a gold medal in the OCAA, so he was a good player in the day," Fox said.

McGarr will be flanked by assistant coach Michael Kopinak, Humber's Manager of Residence Life and International Students.

According to Fox he is not as experienced in badminton but will be very supportive.

"The coaches have to commit to the team. It's a heck of a commitment, not just coming to the games and practices every night, but going to other games and recruiting players, as well as scouting the other teams in our league," Fox said.

The main reason the team was started again after the decade-long layoff was due to considerable interest shown towards the end of last year.

"I had 14 kids showed up to the meeting last year, so I thought it would be worthwhile," Fox said.

That enthusiasm has spilled over into the new school year as well, with terrific interest being shown early on.

"It looks like there has been some great interest by e-mails and forms filled out by students that I have received," McGarr said.

Although McGarr has experience in the sport, it's the team's rookie year, so expectations are at a reasonable level.

"We're hoping for one or two players to compete at a high level," Fox said. "We expect to be competitive in three years. We'll start from this year and build from that. Hopefully we can get a reputation as a contender and we'll have people coming to us. Usually you don't have people walk through your door wanting to play, you have to go recruit them."

Try-outs began on Monday, with the regular season kicking off Nov. 25 when Humber travels to London for a game against Fanshawe College.

"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision." - Muhammad Ali

A lot riding on Penguins' teen

Much hype surrounds arrival of this year's number one draft pick after the lockout

by **garth simmonds**
SPORTS REPORTER

The NHL welcomes Sidney Crosby with open wallets.

This 18-year-old has not played a game in the NHL but he has already become the new face of a revamped league.

With the NHL back, it's going to need all the help it can get to lure fans back into the stadiums, and expectations are high for the young Nova Scotia phenom.

There's not much of a Crosby buzz among students at Humber but some feel he could be just what the NHL needs to re-market

its game.

Daniel Langer, a third-year business student, said he can't wait to see what Crosby can do because the league needs to be excited about something.

"After the lockout, the NHL needs a star that will draw people back to the game," Langer said.

Participating in his first NHL training camp since being selected number one overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins, the teen winger has made a great first impression.

According to NHL.com, in his first intrasquad game, Crosby had

an assist on three of four goals scored by his team.

"The NHL needs a star that will draw people back to the game."

- Daniel Langer, student

As a member of Quebec Major Junior team the Rimouski Oceanic, Crosby scored 66 goals and amassed 102 assists. He finished the year with 168 points, which led to his number one selection in

this year's NHL draft.

While some believe that all the attention Crosby is receiving is well deserved, others feel it is way too early to crown him the next elite player many proclaim.

Mark Chan, a second-year graphic design student at Humber, agrees.

"I don't doubt that he will be a good player, but to call him the next (Mario) Lemieux is a bit premature," he said.

According to the team's website PittsburghPenguins.com, tickets in Pittsburgh have been selling at a record pace already surpassing last

season's totals since the signing of Crosby.

Before Crosby arrived for camp, he signed five major endorsement deals in Canada and two in the United States with Reebok and Gatorade.

According to Reebok Canada, 16,000 Crosby jerseys have been sold already, nearly twice as many as those for most stars in an entire season.

Crosby will make his NHL regular season debut against New Jersey on Oct. 5, the birthday of his mentor and teammate, Lemieux.

New NFL season means game on for armchair QBs

by **robert acton**
SPORTS REPORTER

As NFL general managers scrutinize over scouting reports and depth charts in order to prepare their squads for week three of the season, the armchair quarterback also has his homework done.

From the cheese heads in Green Bay to the Raider nation in Oakland, NFL football fans everywhere have signed up to call the shots on their very own fantasy football team.

Humber College architecture student Jeff Baysarowich, 20, has been a part of the fantasy football world for the last three years and looks forward to every Sunday.

"It's a chance to show our own personal knowledge of the game

every week. Knowing the right players to start and which players to leave on the bench is what counts," Baysarowich said.

Fantasy football fans are seri-



Christine Flynn

Magazines also provide advice.

ous about their craft and those involved with the game have noticed. The large market is highly sought after by the NFL, Internet sites, TV networks and advertisers. According to some estimates the market value is over \$1 billion a year and growing.

Fantasy football players draft real life players onto fictional

teams where they use their statistics to generate points from touchdowns, passing yards and other categories.

The NFL launched its first fantasy game in 2000 and by 2003 they were advertising games and leagues on their broadcasts. Canadian sports networks like TSN and The Score have had special analysts in studio to give advice on fantasy picks and strategy.

In America, over 15 million people play fantasy sports including hockey, baseball and golf. Last year, 100,000 people signed up to be commissioners in Sportsline's fantasy football league, overseeing one million teams.

While some leagues have large payouts for the winner, Baysarowich's consists of \$100 and few cases of beer. But he insists it's not about the money. "The fact that the teams you picked in September are the champions in February beats all of that."

And having your buddies know doesn't hurt either.

TSN and The Score ... give advice on fantasy picks and strategy

Hawklane provides sports updates

by **kyle rutledge**
SPORTS REPORTER

As a sports fan there is nothing worse than checking a website for a score only to find out the source has yet to be updated. With the new Humber Hawklane, sports fans and students alike will never face that problem again.

The Hawklane is a 24-hour phone service that covers anything and everything to do with Humber athletics.

The line is updated daily and spawned from the end of a similar service called Starphone from the Toronto Star. Starphone had an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association section that was often only updated the next day.

Looking to improve the reporting of Humber statistics, Jim Bialek, Humber's assistant athletic director, started the Hawklane.

The line consists of five options with easy accessibility. The first covers all upcoming varsity games with the second giving the results.

The third is a big one listing gym availability. There is nothing worse than going to the gym to shoot some hoops only to find the varsity volleyball team is practicing. With the Hawklane, you can now check out the availability before you go.

The fourth option covers fitness updates with a full listing of classes and class cancellations, along with upcoming events. And the last one

covers campus recreation updates with all the intramural dates and currently features try-out information for men's and women's extramural hockey.

This service will not only benefit students but faculty as well. Humber's president and executive assistants would often call Bialek in regards to varsity scores but now can get all that information in minutes.

"The Hawklane is the most current option for students," Bialek said. It is updated before Humber's website and will often even be updated before the OCAA site.

So next time you have a question about Humber athletics call the Hawklane at (416) 675-5099.

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